# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

**Saturday, 11th December 1954.**

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

## I.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF SRI C. M. KOTHARI, MEMBER OF THE FORMER LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is my painful duty to inform the House of the death of Sri C. M. Kothari who was a Member of the Madras Legislative Assembly from 1947 to 1951. He was a great industrialist and he took very keen interest in the deliberations of the Assembly when he was a Member thereof. Only this morning I came to know of his death. By way of passing a Condolence Resolution which I shall communicate to the members of the bereaved family, I request the Members to stand in their places for two minutes."

The following Resolution was carried *nem. con.* all the Members of the Assembly standing for two minutes :—

" This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri C. M. Kothari, a Member of the former Madras Legislative Assembly, and conveys its deep sense of sympathy to the members of his bereaved family."

## II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### STARRED QUESTIONS.

*Conference of the District Collectors at Madras.*

* 211 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Conference of all the District Collectors was held at Madras during the month of June 1954 ; and

(*b*) if so, the subjects discussed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir, on the 5th of June 1954.

" (*b*) Various matters connected with the Administration were discussed."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" நிர்வாகத்தில் ஏதாவது சீர்திருத்தம் செய்வதைப்பற்றி பேசப்பட்டதா ? அப்படியானுல் பேசப்பட்ட விஷயம் என்ன என்று கூறமுடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It was discussed and as a result of the discussion a committee was appointed to go into the entire question of the administration of the Revenue Department. A report has also been submitted by that committee."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is such a meeting an annual feature and is there any agenda for such meetings? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is intended that it should be an annual feature, and we have an agenda for such meetings."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Was the question of the employment of special extra staff to cope with the additional work created by the Local Development Works, Community Projects and National Extension Service Schemes discussed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We discussed it. I think the Committee has gone into the whole matter and submitted a report. But I have not yet studied the report."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Was there any discussion about the reorganization of the Revenue Department? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It was discussed. That was what I said."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are these meetings attended by Ministers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Certainly."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Was there any reference to retrenchment in the Department wherever necessary? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Wherever retrenchment is possible, it has to be made, and wherever it is absolutely necessary to increase the strength of the staff, that will be done."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கமிட்டி சமர்ப்பித்துள்ள அறிக்கை சபை முன்பு வைக்கப்படுமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The report has just been submitted. After going through it, I shall take a decision on the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister says that there is an agenda for the meeting. May I know whether the agenda is prepared from above and sent to the Collectors or whether suggestions are invited from the Collectors about the particular difficulties encountered by them in the course of administration and whether such things are included in the agenda and discussed at the meeting? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Collectors are also requested to suggest matters for discussion at the meeting."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" It is not very clear whether this conference was called for by all the District Collectors as Collectors or whether it was called for at the instance of the Government in which the Government took part."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government called for the conference."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Some time back there was a proposal to divide our State on a regional basis and entrust the administration of each region to a Regional Controller just above the heads of Collectors. Was that proposal discussed at the meeting ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That matter was discussed in the previous Collectors' Conference and not the one under reference."

*Assignment of house-sites and lands to Harijans in Tiruvallur taluk.*

* 212 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of waste lands in Tiruvallur taluk ;

(*b*) the amount of loans given to the ryots of Tiruvallur taluk in 1952–53 ;

(*c*) the number of applications received in 1952–53 from the Harijans for the assignment of house-sites and lands for cultivation ; and

(*d*) the number of applications sanctioned in the year 1952–53 and the extent of lands granted ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) 350·43 acres.

" (*b*) Rs. 40,100.

" (*c*) For house-sites—13 applications.

For assignment of land for cultivation—27 applications.

" (*d*) Nil in both items as the applications were for assignment of objectionable poramboke lands."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஹரிஜன விவசாயிகளிடமிருந்து எத்தனை மனுக்கள் வந்திருக்கின்றன ? ஹரிஜனங்களிடமிருந்து வந்திருக்கக்கூடிய மனுக்கள் என் கவனிக்கப்படவில்லை ? இதற்கு பிரத்யேகக் காரணம் கூறமுடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I stated that a sum of about Rs. 40,000 was granted to the ryots of Tiruvallur taluk. I have no information about the persons to whom it was granted."

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Sri A. RATNAM :—" புறம்போக்கு நிலங்கள் ஆயிரக்கணக்கில் இருக்கும்பொழுது சுமார் 300 ஹரிஜனங்கள் புறம்போக்கு நிலங்கள் கோரி மனுகொடுத்திருக்க, ஏன் ஒரு மனுக்கூட கவனிக்கப்படவில்லை ? கவனிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று சொன்னால் எவ்வளவு நிலங்கள் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்பபடிருக்கின்றன என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லமுடியுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is not in the order of thousands; it is only in the order of a few hundreds. I stated that the figure was about 350 acres."

Sri V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Are these assignments of lands for cultivation purposes made free? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The assignment is made free."

11-10 a.m. Sri R. KRISHNASWAMI NAIDU :—" ஹரிஜனங்களுக்குக் குடியிருப்பதற்காக சர்க்காரால் ஆர்ஜிதம் செய்யப்பட்டு கொடுக்கப்பட்ட நிலங்கள் அப்படியே இருக்கின்றன. ஆர்ஜிதம் செய்யப்படும் நிலங்களில் ஹரிஜனங்கள் வந்து குடியிருக்கவில்லை. அப்படிப்பட்ட நிலங்களை சர்க்கார் எதிர் காலத்தில் என்ன செய்வதாக உத்தேசம் ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The intention of the Government is to reallot them to those who apply for them."

* Sri S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" ஹரிஜனங்கள் எந்தப் புறம்போக்கு நிலங்களை வேண்டுமென்று விண்ணப்பம் போடுகிறார்களோ, அந்த நிலங்கள் அவர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படுவதில்லை. மேலும், அவர்கள் பூமிக்கு விண்ணப்பம் போடும்போது அந்த விண்ணப்பங்கள் உயர்தர அதிகாரிகளுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டு, அவர்களால் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டு கொடுக்கலாமென்று சொல்லிவிட்டால் அதை ஆர்ஜிதம் செய்து கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" உங்கள் கேள்வி திருவள்ளூரைப்பற்றியது தானே ? "

Sri S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" ஆம். திருவள்ளூரைப்பற்றியதுதான்."

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I wish the hon. Member brings to my notice at least one or two cases of that sort. I will certainly look into the matter and try to rectify it."

Sri R. KRISHNAN :—" സർ, രണ്ടു കൊല്ലമായിട്ട് ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്കു ഭൂമി കൊടുക്കാനുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നു, ഇതാ കൊടുക്കാൻ പോകുന്നു, നടപടികളെടുത്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നെല്ലാം പറഞ്ഞുവരികയാണ്. എന്താണിത്ര താമസം ? ഇതിന്നു പ്രതിബന്ധമായിട്ടു വല്ലവരും നില്പുണ്ടോ എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The hon. Member Sri Krishnan says that for the last two years the Government were saying that Harijans will be assigned 15 cents of land and that nothing has been done so far. He wants to know whether the Government will take proper and suitable steps immediately so that these Harijans are assigned those lands."

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir."

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*Temples under the supervision of the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments.*

* 213 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of temples under the supervision of the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments in the Madras State in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Fourteen thousand and eighty-seven. This figure relates to the residuary State only and does not include maths and specific endowments under the supervision of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department. The information regarding the number of temples in the composite State for 1953–54 is not readily available."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What is the income from these temples and what the expenditure incurred on them? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There are two categories of temples. One set of temples, viz., assessed temples getting an annual income of above Rs. 200 (Major) and their number is 7,507 and another set of temples, viz., unassessed temples getting an annual income below Rs. 200 (Minor) and their number is 6,580."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know how these temples are supervised and what is the procedure adopted for supervising them? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" ஏற்கெனவே சில ஏரியாக் கமிட்டி மெம்பர்களைப் போட்டு சில கோயில்களை கண்காணிக்கச் செய்திருந்தார்கள். அதேமாதிரியாகத்தான் இப்பொழுதும் நடக்கிறதா என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களைக் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The question relates to the number of temples and not to Area Committees."

SRI E. T. KUNHAN :—" സർ, ചിറയ്ക്കൽ താലൂക്കിൽ പറശ്ശേരിക്കടവ് ക്ഷേത്രം ഹിന്ദു ധർമ്മസ്ഥാപന ബോർഡിന്റെ കീഴിലാണോ ? അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അവിടെ ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്ക് പ്രവേശനമില്ലെന്ന ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന്ന അറിയാമോ ? അതിന്മേൽ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ട് എന്തു നടപടി എടുത്തു ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I also sympathise with the hon. Member in referring to the subject of temple entry. But I have to inform him that it will not come under this question."

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*Reversion of nursing staff from the Bellary Tuberculosis Hospital to Madras State.*

* 214 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the male and female nurses who are working in the Bellary Tuberculosis Hospital requesting the Madras Government to transfer them to the Madras State after the merger of Bellary with Mysore; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) This Government have agreed to take into their service the 14 members of the nursing staff who have requested for reversion to this State."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" May I know whether the Government had taken care of the interest of those nurses who were depromoted as a result of the separation of the Andhra State? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" That is a different question, Sir."

* 215 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" This question is postponed to Tuesday."

*Educational institutions run by Christian Missions.*

* 216 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many educational institutions—elementary, secondary and college grade—are run by Christian Missionaries and Christian Charitable Institutions in the State; and

(*b*) the amount of annual grant disbursed by the Government to these institutions?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Statistics relating to educational institutions run by Christian Missions are not separately available and the labour involved in collecting the information is not commensurate with the public interest to be served by it."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that some of the managements of these Christian institutions are conducting their schools in the churches themselves and to that extent considerable difficulty is experienced by the children of other denominations. In view of this, will the Government be pleased to see that the schools are conducted in separate buildings? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" My own impression is that the schools may be situated within the same compound, but I don't think any institution is being run in the church itself. If any specific instance is brought to my notice, certainly I shall look into it, Sir."

*North-east monsoon rainfall of Tamilnad.*

* 217 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Indian Meteorological reports, the rainfall conditions in Tamilnad and their results between 1870–1951 have been communicated to this Government during 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" A copy of the report entitled ' North-east Monsoon Rainfall of Tamilnad—A study of 82 years' Data ' was sent to this Government in 1952 by the Meteorological Centre, Madras."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" அந்த ரிப்போர்ட்டில் கடந்த 81 வருஷ சர்வே எடுத்ததில் வட கிழக்குப் பருவக் காற்றும், தென் கிழக்குப் பருவக் காற்றும் தொடர்ந்து தவறி வந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறதைச் சுட்டிக் காட்டி அதனால் நாட்டிலேயே பெரிய நெருக்கடி ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்றும், அதனால் பெருத்த அளவுக்கு ராஜ்யத்தில் பஞ்சம் வரப் போகிறது என்றும் எடுத்துக் காட்டப்படவில்லையா ? ஆகவே சர்க்கார் அப்படிப்பட்ட பஞ்சம் நாட்டிலே வராமலிருக்க அந்த ரிப்போர்ட்டின் அடிப்படையில் காடுகளை வளர்க்க ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" On the other hand, in the report of the Regional Director, Meteorological Centre, Madras, he says that the result of his study was that the deficiency of rainfall in Madras was a passing phase and that accordingly, there was no reason for panic on the assumption that rainfall would continue to be deficient for any length of time and that normal seasons were bound to occur. Yesterday's and to-day's rainfall disproves what the hon. Member says."

*Government Women and Children Hospital, Kozhikode.*

* 218 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of beds provided in the Government Women and Children Hospital, Kozhikode, Malabar;

(*b*) the number of in-patients admitted in the hospital now; and

(*c*) the average number of out-patients attending the hospital daily?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) One hundred and eighty beds.

" (*b*) The daily average number of in-patients is 357.

" (*c*) Eight hundred and six."

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Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that as a result of the congestion in the hospital, poor ladies who give birth in those hospitals are asked to get out of the hospital immediately after giving birth? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" It will not be immediately after child-birth. Sometimes it may be after two or three days."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of this lamentable lack of accommodation in the Women and Children Hospital and in view of the fact that the old Headquarters Hospital building is lying vacant for a very long time, may I know why the Government cannot hand over that building to the Women and Children Hospital for the purpose of providing additional accommodation? I may tell the Hon. Minister that this is a demand that is being pressed by the Kozhikode Municipality and also the public for a long time."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Malabar is a problem district. One of the problems is that too many children are born there (laughter). This question of utilizing the old Headquarters Hospital building was considered and given up as it was not found suitable for carrying out repairs. Now, there is a proposal under consideration to open an out-patients' department for women at the Headquarters Hospital at Kozhikode and to transfer the special departments like Tuberculosis and Ophthalmic sections to the Headquarters Hospital. If this is done, congestion in the Women and Children Hospital will be relieved, Sir."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" The Hon. Minister said that women are allowed to stay in the hospital for three days after giving birth. My own information is that the minimum period for which they are to be allowed to stay in the hospital is 10 days. Will it not be better to refuse them admission even in the first instance rather than asking them to get out of the hospital immediately after child-birth? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The usual time allowed is ten days. But, too many women come for child-birth. So, it sometimes becomes necessary to keep them there for a shorter time. It is not considered desirable to refuse admission for any women coming for child-birth."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is there a separate maternity section in this hospital and what is its latest yield (laughter), Sir? "

11-20 a.m. Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister stated just now that the birth-rate in Malabar was abnormal. May I inform him that the birth-rate in Malabar is

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abnormal when compared with the statistics published by the Government themselves and on a comparison with some other places. It is the abnormal inattention on the part of the Government that is responsible for this state of affairs and not the abnormal rate of child-birth. Under these circumstances will the Hon. Minister be pleased to see that proper accommodation is given to the mothers going to the Women's Hospital at Kozhikode? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have visited that hospital myself more than once and maternity cases seem to be lying there all over the place in large numbers. I do not understand why this particular hospital alone should be overcrowded with so many women who come for confinement."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the answer given by the Hon. Minister is only an excuse for the Government not doing anything for Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have already stated what is being proposed to be done."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, in view of the answers given by the Hon. Minister, will he be pleased to consider the question of strengthening the staff and appoint more midwives and maternity assistants so that they can go to the houses of these mothers and assist them in child-birth? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The employment of midwives and maternity assistants and opening of maternity centres are the concern of the local boards, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that there is neither septic tank nor flushout latrines in the hospital and whether Government have any proposals to remedy this? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

(* 219 *Q*.—Postponed for answer on 14th December 1954.)

*Supply of electricity to South Kanara district from Mysore State.*

* 220 *Q*.—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the point of supply of electric power from Mysore State to South Kanara district is expected to be ready;

(*b*) at what stage the construction of the electric lines and stations in South Kanara stands; and

(*c*) the approximate date when they will be ready to take supply?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The present indications are that the Government of Mysore may be able to make bulk supply of Jog power

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available at the point of supply near Hulikal by October 1956. Mysore have been addressed to give the supply much earlier.

" (b) All the materials required have been ordered and most of them are at site. Erection of towers on the Hulikal-Mangalore 110 K.V. line has been nearly completed, while about one quarter of the work of stringing of lines has been done. Work on the sub-station is expected to be taken up shortly. Work on the Hiriadka-Udipi 33 K.V. line is also in progress.

" (c) By the middle of 1955."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" We understand from the reply of the Hon. Minister that the supply would be received in the month of October 1956. In the meanwhile unless some village electrification schemes are also included under the scheme and work is proceeded with immediately, when the supply comes, South Kanara district would not be able to make use of the supply fully. In view of this will the Government consider the question of including the extension of village electrification scheme to South Kanara district also? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, I shall certainly take note of the suggestion of the hon. Member."

*Number of elementary school teachers benefited by the modified scheme of elementary education.*

* 221 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of elementary school teachers benefited by way of increment in their salaries on account of the modified elementary education scheme?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No teacher was benefited by way of increment to his salary consequent on the introduction of the modified scheme of Elementary Education. But while examining the scheme the Parulekar Committee recommended, the elementary school teachers' pay should be increased consistent with the financial position of the Government. The Government accordingly decided to grant Rs. 3 to the Higher Elementary and Secondary Grade teachers in aided schools. The number of elementary school teachers benefited are roughly 36,000 Higher Elementary Grade trained and 9,000 Secondary Grade trained teachers."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" சார், சர்க்காரால் அனுமதிக்கப்பட்ட இந்த மூன்று ரூபாய் உயர்வு எல்லா உபாத்தியாயர்களுக்கும் கிடைப்பதில்லை என்று ஏதாவது சில பள்ளிக்கூடங்களிலிருந்து சர்க்காருக்குப் புகார் வந்திருக்கிறதா ? அப்படி வந்திருந்தால் aided பள்ளிக்கூடங்களிலுள்ள உபாத்தியாயர்களுக்கு நேரடியாக சம்பளம் வழங்குவதற்கு சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, there is no use in making general complaints in this regard. If particular instances are brought to my notice, certainly I will take action. But with regard to the payment of salaries direct to them, we are making an experiment in Malabar and if that is successful, certainly we will consider whether that system could be extended to other districts also."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, have Government received any representation from pre-vocational teachers of elementary aided schools who have not received this increment and will the Government consider giving them that increment? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister said that an increase of Rs. 3 has been ordered in the case of aided elementary school teachers. Is it a fact that the aided elementary school teachers who were getting an enhanced rate, namely the hill tract allowance in Wynaad taluk, were not given this increase of Rs. 3 on the plea that they were already getting a higher rate of pay because of the hill tract allowance given to them and, if so, will the Government be pleased to see that their hill tract allowance is not affected consequent upon this increased grant of Rs. 3 which also should be given to them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister said that an increment of Rs. 3 was awarded to higher elementary and secondary trained teachers. Inasmuch as the purpose of this increment is to raise the abnormally low level of the salaries of teachers may I know why the Government did not consider it necessary to give that increase to lower elementary trained teachers also who are also now working in various schools in the State? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, within the limited resources available with the Government, we could give this increase only to certain personnel. That is why we have limited it to higher elementary grade and secondary grade trained teachers."

(The hon. Member Sri R. Krishnan rose in his place.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry, Sir, the question was a little bit misleading. I may inform the hon. Member that the lower elementary grade has been abolished long ago."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" There are still lower elementary grade trained teachers working in schools."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" ഈ ശമ്പളവദ്ധന ബേസിക് ട്രെയിൻറ്" ടീച്ചർമാർക്ക് കിട്ടുന്നില്ല അതിന്നു പ്രത്യേകിച്ച് വല്ല കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ ? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am not able to follow the question, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The hon. Member wants to know whether Basic trained teachers are also given this increase? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice for that question."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, a wrong idea has been created and I wish just to correct that. The Hon. Minister was saying that the lower elementary grade has already been abolished. But the fact is that there are lower elementary grade trained teachers still teaching in many institutions. They are there and are not in an inconsiderable number. They are not given this enhancement of pay? "

*Allegations against the Adhikari of Moonniyoor amsam, Ernad taluk.*

* 222 *Q*.—SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that complaints were made against the Adhikari of Moonniyoor amsam in Ernad taluk to the Sub-Collector of Malappuram, by Mr. K. P. Kunhiseethikoya Thangal and two others on 5th September 1952 and subsequently a mass petition against the said Adhikari was also sent to the same authority in which serious allegations of bribery and mal-practices were made;

(*b*) whether any public enquiry was made by the Sub-Collector on those complaints;

(*c*) if so, when the enquiry was completed;

(*d*) whether any orders have been passed by the Sub-Collector; and

(*e*) if so, the purport of the order?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The allegations were enquired into by the Sub-Collector departmentally.

" (*d*) & (*e*) The allegations were found not proved and no action was therefore taken against the adhikari."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that even now the village munsif is terrorising the villagers in that locality? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, in that part of the State there seems to be terror and counter-terror. How can it be helped? "

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SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government have received any further complaints and communications regarding the alleged continued malpractices of the village adhikari? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Even if there has been any complaint, it has not come to the Ministerial level, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, with regard to the complaints against the Village Adhikari, Mooniyoor, I myself conducted an enquiry and took statements and all those things with my remarks were forwarded to the Sub-Collector, Malappuram, Sri P. K. Nambiar, I.A.S. I was also told that the matter is under his consideration. May I know what action was taken on that representation? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think the question refers to a different adhikari."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" He is the same adhikari."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I want notice, Sir."

*Opening of a hospital at Kundotti, South Malabar.*

* 223 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to open a Government Hospital at Kundotti in South Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government received any memorandum from the President of the Village Congress Committee, Kundotti, in this connection? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Director of Medical Services has submitted proposals for the opening of a Government dispensary here. It is proposed to consider this in connection with the Budget."

*Inclusion of the Velavaidya community in the list of Backward Classes.*

* 224 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any memorandum from the Secretary of Akhila Malabar Velavaidya Sangham, Kozhikode, in June 1954, requesting the Government to include the Velavaidya community in the list of Backward Classes; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Yes. Sir.

" (b) The matter is under consideration."

11-30 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What is the basis on which a particular community is adjudged as an educationally backward community?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" According to the terms of reference, the Backward Classes Commission shall determine the criteria to be adopted in considering whether any section of the people in the territory of India, in addition to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes specified in a notification issued under Article 341 of the Constitution of India, should be treated as socially and educationally backward classes, and in accordance with such criteria, prepare a list of such classes setting out also their approximate numbers and their territorial distribution."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Have the Government finalized any list of backward communities so that it may be considered by the Central Government for recognition on an all-India basis and if so, what concerted efforts were taken to consult leaders of various communities in the State?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Representations containing requests for inclusion in the list of Backward Classes are being examined by the Director of Harijan Welfare and after the Government have received a consolidated list from the Director of Harijan Welfare, this Government will forward the list to the Backward Classes Commission along with their recommendations."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" The second part of my question has not been answered by the Hon. Minister. My question is, what concerted efforts have been made to consult leaders of various communities in the State, because some communities are omitted and some other communities which are not really backward are included in the list of Backward Classes?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sufficient number of organizations and representatives of Backward Classes waited in deputation on the Backward Classes Commission which is aware of the various sections of the people who inhabit this part of the country."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" I know a number of instances where deserving students because they spelt the name of a caste not exactly in the way in which it is given in the notification, are penalized as a result of it. Will the Hon. Minister concerned issue instructions to the departmental officers to see that those poor and deserving students do not suffer on that score?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The question now put by the hon. Member, Dr. Menon has no bearing on the question now under discussion."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" According to the terms of reference given to the All-India Backward Classes Commission which visited South India, a community which is socially and educationally backward should be declared a backward community. Is it a fact that—without meaning any offence to any community—that the Kongu Vellala community in the Coimbatore district represented to them that they are educationally and socially backward and if so, what is the inference which the Government draw from such a kind of representation? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The original question is—

' (a) whether the Government received any memorandum from the Secretary of Akhila Malabar Velavaidya Sangham, Kozhikode, in June 1954, requesting the Government to include Velavaidya community in the list of Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon? '

The hon. Member's question has nothing to do with this question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" My question pertains to that."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" If further information is required, the hon. Member may contact Sri Swayamprakasam, who is a Member of the Backward Classes Commission."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" When I have asked the Hon. Minister to answer it, how can he direct me to another person? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" He should not do it."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" This question will be taken up on the 14th."

*Grievances of the Board Elementary School Teachers, Malabar.*

* 226 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 2nd March 1954 from the Madayi branch of the Malabar District Board Elementary School Teachers' Union requesting the Government to increase their pay and to make arrangements for the prompt payment of their monthly salary, etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government could not comply with the request of the Union to increase the pay of the District Board teachers, on account of the inadequate finances of the State. As

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regards the other request, the Government have already issued instructions to the effect that the salaries of District Board Elementary School teachers for each month should be paid as early as possible, and in any case, not later than the 15th of the succeeding month."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Hon. Minister for Finance replied that financial conditions do not permit an increase in the pay of the teachers. May I know when the financial conditions will improve so that these teachers can expect a reasonable pay and lead a better life?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As soon as we work hard and produce more."

*Closing of the lock on Canolly canal at Pooraparamba, South Malabar.*

* 227 Q.—SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether serious damage to the crops of ryots is caused by the closing of the Pooraparamba lock in the Tirurangadi Revenue Firka in South Malabar during the rainy reason; and

(b) what steps the Government propose to take to regulate the closing of the said lock?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) About 400 to 500 acres of paddy fields in the villages of Trikolam, Mannambra and Tirurangadi were submerged due to the closing of the lock on Canolly canal at Pooraparamba. The lock has to be closed during the rainy season to save the embankment.

" (b) A permanent solution to the problem is under consideration and there is also a proposal to construct another pucca lock lower down the existing lock."

SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" May I know whether representations have been received by the Government about the desirability of using electricity which is passing within one mile of this locality for the purpose of working this lock so as to avoid delay and the influx of salt water which is causing destruction to the crops as such? If so, will the Government consider them very sympathetically?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The object of closing the lock is to prevent the influx of salt water. As regards the suggestion, whether electric power could be utilized to advantage there, I shall have the matter examined."

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*Grant of loan to Sri J. L. P. Roche Victoria by the Tuticorin Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited.*

* 228 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it was discovered by the Departmental authorities that the Tuticorin Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited, granted a loan of Rs. 80,000 to one Sri Roche Victoria, the then President of the Bank, far exceeding the lending and borrowing limits prescribed by the bye-laws of the Bank;

(b) if so, the action taken, if any, against the persons involved in such irregularities;

(c) whether the loan or the excess amount at least was recovered from the said member; and

(d) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (a) Sri J. L. P. Roche Victoria was never granted any loan from the Bank.

" (b), (c) & (d) Do not arise."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR:—" During the last Budget session, some extracts were read from one journal, 'Hindu Madhabimani' by the hon. Member, Sri M. Kalyanasundram and the Government promised to look into them and if necessary to investigate and make enquiries. Did the Government make any enquiries and take steps in that direction?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" A separate question may be put."

*Prevention of Harijans from entering the Mariamman temple at Poolambadi, South Arcot.*

* 229 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Harijans of Poolambadi of Virudhunagar, South Arcot district, were refused temple entry by the Caste Hindus (Odiars) of Neeramani at the Mariamman temple on 1st August 1954;

(b) whether among the persons so refused temple entry there were many policemen and Revenue Officers including Tahsildars and public men including a Harijan M.L.A.;

(c) whether any representation has been made by any M.L.A. to the Government in the matter; and

(d) whether any action has been taken by the Government under the Temple Entry Act and the Removal of Social Disabilities Act?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) It is reported that during the Chittrai festival in the temple referred to, certain Harijans of Poolambadi were prevented from entering the temple, because they wanted to go to the *sanctum sanctorum* and break coconuts there, which is against established custom and which nobody, except poojaris, is allowed to do.

" (*b*) The Government have no information.

" (*c*) Yes. A representation was received from Sri M. Kattimuthu, M.L.A.

" (*d*) Does not arise."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" இந்தக் குறிப்பிட்ட கோயிலில் ஹரிஜன நல டைரக்டர், தாசில்தார், ஹரிஜன சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்கள் உட்பட இன்னும் நூற்றுக்கணக்கான ஹரிஜனங்கள் எத்தனை முறை அந்தக் கோயிலுக்குப்போக முயற்சிசெய்தார்கள் ? ஏன் கோயில் பூட்டப்பட்டு அவர்கள் உள்ளே போக முடியவில்லை என்று கூற முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" As I said, if the Harijans of Poolambadi are prepared to honour the usages and customs of that temple, the poojaris of the temple at Neeramani have no objection to allow the Harijans entry into the temple. Also, instructions have been issued to the poojaris of the temple, informing them that if they put any restrictions upon the entry of Harijans of Poolambadi, necessary action would be taken against them under the appropriate enactment. Now, Sir, I may tell for the information of the hon. Member, that Sri Kattimuthu, M.L.A., has been appointed as the trustee of the temple."

SRI O. KORAN :—" May I know how many temples in the district are still not opened to Harijans and what steps the Government propose to take to see that all the temples are opened to Harijans? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That is a separate question."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" ஸார், ஆலயப் பிரவேசம் வெற்றிகரமாக நடைபெற வேண்டுமானால் ஆலயங்களின் நிர்வாகத்திற்கு ஹரிஜன வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்த எக்ஸிக்யூடிவ் ஆபீசர்களை நியமிப்பது நல்லது என்பதை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் ஆலோசித்து அம்மாதிரி செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Wherever necessary and wherever possible, Executive Officers are being appointed from the Harijan community."

11–40 a.m. SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஹரிஜன எம்.எல்.ஏ. ஸ்ரீ எம். கட்டிமுத்து அவர்களை அந்தக் கோயிலுக்கு டிரஸ்டியாக நியமித்த பிறகும் ஹரிஜனங்கள் அந்தக் கோயிலில் நுழையக்கூடாதென்பதற்காக கோவில் பூட்டப்பட்டது வாஸ்தவமா ? நூற்றுக் கணக்கானவர்கள் மூலஸ்தானத்திற்கு நுழைவதற்கு சட்டம் இடமளிக்காததன் காரணமாக பல மாதங்கள் அவர்கள் முயற்சிசெய்தும் பலனளிக்கவில்லை. ஆகவே, சட்டத்திற்குத் தகுந்த திருத்தங்களைக் கொண்டுவருவதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ? "

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, in a matter like this, we have to make a very cautious approach. Any false step taken will only embitter the feelings between the caste Hindus and Harijans. The Government have appointed Sri M. Kattimuthu as a trustee and he is assisted by the Assistant Commissioner of Religious Endowments. Every step is being taken to see that harmonious relationship exists between the caste Hindus and Harijans in the matter of entry into that small temple."

*Opening of Higher Elementary Standards in the Board Elementary School, South Thrikkarpur.*

* 230 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Board, South Kanara, has recommended to the Government to convert the South Thrikkarpur Board Elementary School into a Higher Elementary School; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government have since sanctioned the opening of Higher Elementary standards in the Board Elementary School, South Thrikkarpur, under the educational programme for relieving educated unemployment in this State."

*Collection of sales tax from co-operative societies.*

* 231 Q.—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the average collection of sales tax per year from co-operative societies in (a) the State, and (b) Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (a) Rs. 58,80,000.
" (b) Rs. 21,24,000."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that it is not possible for the co-operative stores to compete with private stores practising the subterfuges that the private dealers resort to and that it is impossible for Co-operative Stores, either wholesale or retail, to survive unless they are exempted from the payment of sales tax or other taxes? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Certain concessions are given in the case of co-operative societies. But we cannot be extending the concessions in each and every sector."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" On a point of order, Sir. Can the hon. Member put a question insinuating that private dealers resort to subterfuges? "

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Dr. K. B. MENON :—" It is not an insinuation. I am willing to make a statement that some private dealers resort to very underhand methods in order to escape taxation. In the bills of lading, names of firms are not given by private dealers but the names of persons who are their stooges are given so that they may escape taxation."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I do not think it is unparliamentary. The hon. Member who put the question takes the responsibility for what he has stated."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" The hon. Member has made a general sweeping statement that . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" But he takes the responsibility for what he has stated. I now pass on to the next question."

*Padne Irrigation Scheme.*

* 232 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation of the Padne Irrigation Scheme in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, has been completed; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken to commence the work?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The scheme has been dropped in view of its prohibitive cost and poor food value."

(* 233 *Q.*—Postponed to 14th December 1954.)

*Assets and liabilities of the Madras City Improvement Trust.*

* 234 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the assets and liabilities of the City Improvement Trust at present?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" A statement [a] of the assets and liabilities of the Madras City Improvement Trust is placed on the table of the House."

*Amendment to the Constitution of India.*

* 235 *Q.*—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the recommendations made by the State Government regarding amendments to the Constitution of India?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It will not be in the public interest to disclose the information, as it is of a confidential nature."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in view of the importance of the issue as is evidenced from the number of questions put on the subject, will the Government give an opportunity for the Members of this House to discuss this important question and to ventilate their opinion? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" At the appropriate time an opportunity will be given."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" அரசியல் சட்டத்தில் சில மாறுதல்கள் செய்வதற்காக சென்னை ராஜ்யத்தை சிபார்சு செய்யும்படி மத்திய அரசாங்கம் கேட்டிருக்கும் காலத்தில் ஏன் சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்கள் அதைப் பற்றி விவாதிப்பதற்கு சந்தர்ப்பம் அளிக்கக்கூடாது ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is what I stated. At the appropriate time, this House will be taken into confidence."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" மத்திய சர்க்கார் நஷ்டயீடு கொடுப்பதற்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய விதியைத் திருத்துவதற்கு சென்னை அரசாங்கம் சம்மதித்த பிறகு, சில சட்டங்கள் கொண்டுவருவதைப் பற்றியும் மத்திய அரசாங்கம் ஏதாவது ஆலோசனைத் தெரிவித்திருக்கிறார்களா ? அப்படியானால் அவை என்ன ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The same reply I have to give."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The expression 'appropriate time' is very vague. May I request the Hon. Minister for Finance to be more specific on the subject? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall be more specific at the appropriate time ! " (Laughter.)

* 236 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Planning Commission for amending Article 31 of the Indian Constitution; and

(*b*) if so, what are the recommendations of this Government sent by way of reply?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இந்த சர்க்காரானது சில தனிப்பட்ட எலக்ட்ரிக் கம்பெனிகளை தாங்கள் எடுத்துக்கொள்ள முடியாத நிலைமையில் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு நஷ்டஈடின்றி அவைகளை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளத்தக்கவாறு ஆர்டிகல் 31-ஐ மாற்ற சிபார்சு செய்திருக்கிறதா? அப்படியானால் . . . "

MR. SPEAKER :—" நஷ்ட யீடு இல்லையென்று சொல்கிறீர்கள்."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" எலக்ட்ரிக் கம்பெனியை மட்டும் ஆர்ஜிதம் செய்வதற்கா ? அல்லது நிலத்தையும்கூட ஆர்ஜிதம் செய்வதற்கு சிபாரிசு செய்திருக்கிறதா ? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member is presuming too many things. The question put was whether we had received any communication from the Planning Commission and the answer I gave was ' No '."

*Punam cultivation in Malabar.*

* 237 *Q*.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of waste lands in Malabar;

(*b*) the extent of waste lands distributed for cultivation;

(*c*) whether the Government have received any applications for leasing out waste lands for punam cultivation; and

(*d*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) 1·47 lakh acres.

" (*b*) No waste land has been distributed for cultivation.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Nil. But permission for punam cultivation under section 3 (2) of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act has been given for 5,195·06 acres from April 1953 till about the middle of September 1954."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Previously when the Government had been giving statistics about the extent of waste land available in Malabar, they were saying that about 18 lakhs of acres of arable land were available. Now, the Government state that only 1·47 lakh acres of waste lands are available in Malabar. May I know whether it is a fact that the Government are revising the extent of waste lands in Malabar as a result of the increasing agitation for distribution of waste lands in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I want time to verify the statement of the hon. Member."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" The Government state in their reply that they have not received any application for leasing out waste lands for punam cultivation. May I know whether the District Officers have received any applications for leasing out waste lands for punam cultivation and will the Government direct the District Officers to distribute waste lands for punam cultivation? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already stated the extent of lands given for punam cultivation. If further applications are received, lands will be allotted for punam cultivation as per rules."

SRI V. K. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to explain the meaning of ' punam ' cultivation? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Punam cultivation is ' fugitive cultivation '."

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SRI O. KORAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that 'punam cultivation' starts from December? Will the Government take immediate steps to lease out lands for 'punam cultivation'?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As far as possible we shall try. Wherever lands can be given for 'punam cultivation', it will be done in time."

SRI P. CHELLATHURAI :—" பூனம் விவசாயம் என்றால் என்ன ? பதில் ஆங்கிலத்தில் சொல்லியிருப்பதினால் ஒன்றும் புரியவில்லை. ஆதலால் தமிழில் விளக்கிச்சொல்லும்படி கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்." 11-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" ஒரே இடத்தில் சாகுபடியில்லாமல் ஒருவருஷம் ஒருஇடத்திலும், மற்றொரு வருஷம் இன்னொரு இடத்திலும் மாறிமாறி சாகுபடி செய்வதுதான் பூனம் விவசாயம் என்று பெயர்."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, this kind of shifting cultivation of the forest regions is very important as far as Malabar is concerned. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether after the recent Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act of 1954, the rent for the punam cultivation has been fixed at double the assessment and as such the landowners are not willing to lease out these lands in favour of the tenants, because they would be getting only a very much less amount? May I also know from the Hon. Minister whether under section 3 of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, the tenants would get exemption from the operation of the Act for traditional punam cultivation? There is a lot of confusion as to who has to make the application to the Collector for exemption and tenants are not getting any lands. Will Government see that these difficulties of the tenants are removed?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, apart from the confusions the hon. Member has referred to, he has sufficiently confused me. I therefore request the hon. Member to put it specifically and then I shall have it examined, for it has to be examined in relation to the Malabar Tenancy Act."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in view of the fact that section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act was specifically enacted to clothe the Government with the authority to lease out waste lands in the hands of private owners, I would like to know whether after the passing of this Amendment Act in 1954, Government have taken any step in that direction under this section and if so, whether they have been successful to any extent?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I want notice to answer that question, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that this is a very important question so far as Malabar is concerned, and since a big struggle is going on in Malabar in regard to this and as

Government are taking a very indifferent attitude towards this question, I request the Hon. the Speaker to allow a half-hour debate on this question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already allowed two half-hour debates and they have not yet taken place. On Monday next we will be having the half-hour debate on the sale of lorries and on Tuesday there is the half-hour debate on the question of lands for Harijans. I do not know when we can have this half-hour debate."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I do not mind if the debate is allowed even after three or four days. It is a very important question and hence I request a half-hour debate may be allowed on this."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall allow a half-hour debate on this if there is time during this sitting."

*Admission to Medical Colleges.*

* 238 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates selected for admission to the Medical Colleges in the State during July 1954;

(*b*) the number of candidates who applied for admission;

(*c*) the number and percentage of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes; and

(*d*) the number of candidates selected from each of the following communities :—

(i) Brahman,

(ii) Non-Brahman,

(iii) Backward Classes,

(iv) Scheduled Castes, and

(v) Scheduled Tribes?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister how many Harijan candidates were admitted in the Medical College and what is the number districtwar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Fifteen candidates applied for admission and 14 of them were admitted. With regard to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the entire State is taken as one unit."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What is the number of seats that finally fell to the lot of Madras City from the unfilled quota transferred from the ' Scheduled Castes ' quota over and above the district basis quota? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" On the population basis, Madras City is entitled to ten seates. It was allotted 40 seats, Sir."

*Police subordinates involved in Prohibition offences.*

* 239 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of police officers of each grade involved in Prohibition offences during 1952–54;

(*b*) how many of them were prosecuted and how many of them were convicted;

(*c*) whether any or all of the said officers were removed from service; and

(*d*) if so, how many, and, if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

" (*d*) According to the present instructions on the subject, Government servants convicted for Prohibition offences *for the first time* are not removed from Government service automatically. This accounts for the disparity between the number convicted and the number removed."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, from the statement it is seen that no police officer above the rank of Sub-Inspectors is found to have been involved in these offences. Are we to understand that they are not in the habit of drinking or there is no proper machinery to detect them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Anyhow, they have not been caught, Sir."

*Supply of uniforms to the village menials.*

* 240 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average salary of a village police (talaiyari);

(*b*) whether he is provided with uniform; and

(*c*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Rs. 10–10–3 (excluding dearness allowance of Rs. 5).

" (*b*) No.

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" (c) The question of supplying uniforms to the village menials was considered by the Government. It was dropped as it was felt that the expenditure involved was considerable as the number of menials to be supplied with such uniform was very large."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, if the uniform is not being supplied to the village thalayari, will the Government take the responsibility of supplying him at least what is known as 'Thandi Kadai' to assist him in discharging his duties?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" He has already provided himself with a very good lathi, Sir."

SRI D. DASARATHAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether these persons are eligible for travelling allowances whenever they go out of their villages for paying the land revenue kists and for handing over tapals?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. Recently certain allowances have been made payable to them in particular cases."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, if this lower category of servants is not supplied uniform, will the Government consider giving them at least plain shirts?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Shirt or uniform means money. We will not be able to do so because of financial stringency."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" தலையாரிகளுக்குக் குறைந்த சம்பளம் இருக்கிறபடியால் அதைக் கொஞ்சம் உயர்த்த சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. That question is coupled with the question of increase of pay of village officers. These people are included in that category and I have already answered questions regarding these officers."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, is it a fact that in some places, as Government have not supplied them with uniforms, some of the thalayaris and vettis are appearing before the officers in langottis? Is it decent to allow them to so appear and if not will Government take steps to supply them with uniforms?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I am surprised to hear that from the hon. Member. It does not happen in this part of the State and I do not know how far the statement is correct about other parts."

SRI P. CHELLATHURAI :—" தலையாரி என்ற பெயரை நீக்கிவிட்டு அவர்களுக்குக் கிராம போலீஸ்காரர்கள் என்ற பெயரைக் கொடுப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் ஆலோசிக்குமா ?"

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The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir. As far as I know—I met some of them—they are quite pleased with that name, Sir."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஸ்ரீமான் ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரியார் முதல் மந்திரியாக இருந்தபோது சர்க்காரின் லாஸ்ட் க்ரேட் சிப்பந்திகளை **menials** என்று அழைக்கப்படாமல் வேறு பெயர் வைத்து அழைக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்வதாக வாக்குறுதி கொடுத்தார். அதாவது **menials** என்ற பெயருக்குப் பதிலாக லாஸ்ட் க்ரேட் ஆபீஸர்கள் என்ற பெயரை வைப்பதாக அவர் சொன்ன வாக்குறுதி நடைமுறையில் கொண்டுவரப்படவில்லை. குறிப்பாக இந்தக் கேள்வியிலே **Supply of uniforms to the village menials,** என்று தான் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அவர்களுக்குச் சம்பளத்தை உயர்த்திக் கொடுக்காவிட்டாலும்கூட அவர்களுடைய கௌரவத்தை உயர்த்தக்கூடிய முறையில் இந்தப் பெயரை மாற்ற சர்க்கார் உடனடியாக முன் வருமா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is a mistake in giving the heading, but we are not following that. That will be avoided in future."

*Levy of land cess in the Malampuzha area.*

* 330 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state— 12 noon.

(*a*) whether the Government levy any additional cess based on the water cess collected in the Malampuzha area;

(*b*) whether any complaint has been received touching this matter; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Land cess at the rate of 2 annas in the rupee under sections 78 and 79 of the Madras District Boards Act, 1920, which is payable on the annual rent value of all occupied lands irrespective of the tenure and education cess at the rate of 3 annas in the rupee under sections 34 (2) and 35 of the Elementary Education Act, 1920, are levied. In Tanjore district, the rate of Education cess is 2 annas in the rupee.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) There are no grounds for the complaint and the correct position has been explained to the complainants."

Sri K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" இந்த அணைக் கட்டின் மூலமாக சுமார் 40 ஆயிரம் எக்கர்களுக்கு பாசன வசதி இருந்து வருவதாகக் கூறப்படுகிறது. புதியதாக கட்டப்பட்டுள்ள அணைக் கட்டின் மூலமாக சுமார் 5 ஆயிரம் எக்கர்களுக்குத்தான் பாசன வசதி கிடைக்கிறது. ஆகவே எல்லோருக்கும் இந்தப் புதிய வரியைப் போடுவதை அங்குள்ள மக்கள் எதிர்க்கிறார்கள் என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? ஆகையால் புதியதாக பாசன வசதி பெறும் பிரதேசம் நீங்கலாக மற்றப் பிரதேசங்களுக்கு விதிவிலக்கு அளிக்கப்படுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As a result of this project there is an assured water-supply now. There cannot, therefore, be any grievance now. Formerly,

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people in that area were depending on rains and they got rains only for the first crop. But the position has stabilized now."

*Provision of residential quarters for the Subordinate Judicial Officers.*

* 331 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have provided quarters to Subordinate Judicial Officers in any place;

(*b*) if so, in how many places; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to provide quarters to all Judicial Officers in the State who have not been so provided?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A list [a] of stations where residential quarters have been provided for the Subordinate Judicial Officers is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) No, Sir. The Government have however under consideration a proposal to acquire the private bungalow now occupied by the District Judge, North Malabar at Tellicherry."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Was any representation received from the Subdivisional Magistrate, Ulundurpet for provision of buildings for locating his office—that is, Court, and for his residence? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Are the Government aware that in certain places, District Munsifs are living in houses belonging to legal practitioners? Is it not highly desirable to provide these people with Government quarters? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No doubt, it is desirable. But we cannot take up that programme just now."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it not a fact that the District Judge of Chingleput is housed in residential quarters belonging to the Government? If it is a fact, does not the list placed on the table of the House show it is defective in that respect? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Perhaps the hon. Member has better information. I shall have it verified. Anyway, if he refers to the list he will find that it refers to subordinate judiciary and he will know by and by what subordinate judiciary means and that it does not cover the category of District Judges." (Laughter.)

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Let the Hon. Minister look into the list himself. The District Judge of Salem is included in it. It is stated that he is given free quarters. And the District Judge of Chingleput certainly comes under this category."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall have the point examined."

*Reconstitution of Regional Transport Authorities.*

*332 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that orders have been issued for reconstituting the Regional Transport Authorities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Presidents of District Boards are excluded from those bodies; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) Government considered that the Divisional Engineers (Highways) would be helpful to the Regional Transport Authorities in tendering advice on the capacity of particular rcads to bear heavy traffic and also in attending to repairs and improvements to bus routes."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" சார், டிவிஷனல் என்ஜினியர்கள் தேவையென்று சர்க்காருக்குத் தோன்றினால் அவர்களை மட்டும் சேர்த்துக் கொண்டிருக்கலாமே ? அதற்காக ஜில்லா போர்டு தலைவர்களை இந்தக் கமிட்டியிலிருந்து நீக்கவேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன ? அதோடுகூட Regional Transport Authority என்பது சட்டப்படி அமைக்கப்படவேண்டிய ஒரு ஸ்தாபனம். அது ஒரு முக்கியமான கமிட்டி. அந்தக் கமிட்டியின் அடிப்படையில் மாறுதல் செய்யும்போது, என் இந்தச் சபை முன்பு அந்தப் பிரச்னையை கொண்டுவரவில்லை என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"- The Government feel that three members are quite sufficient and do not want to make the committee unwieldy. They also feel that Divisional Engineers will be more useful to the committe than District Board Presidents."

*Details of annual expenditure incurred by the City Improvement Trust.*

*333 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the amount spent annually by the City Improvement Trust?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A statement[a] showing the details of annual expenditure incured by the City Improvement Trust from 1947 to 1954 is placed on the table of the House. The expenditure under non-recurring items indicates the amount spent on improvement schemes and other works."

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 818 infra.

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*Posting of Reserve Constables in Tirunelveli district.*

* 334 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of Reserve Constables at present posted in Tirunelveli district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It will not be in the public interest to give the information."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" அம்பாசமுத்திரம் போன்ற தாலூகாக்களில் இந்த ரிசர்வ் கான்ஸ்டபிள்களை வைத்திருப்பது அங்குள்ள விவசாயிகளை அடக்குவதற்காகச் செய்த ஏற்பாடா? அல்லது வேறு காரணங்கள் ஏதேனும் உண்டா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Wherever the law and order position requires the stationing of the Police, it has been done."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சார், ரிசர்வ் போலீஸ்களை ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட தாலூகாவில் மக்களுடைய பாதுகாப்பிற்காக கொண்டுபோய் வைத்திருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறினார்கள். அது காரணமல்ல என்பது அங்குள்ள எல்லா மக்களுக்கும் தெரியும். அப்படியாயின் பொதுமக்களுக்கு வேறு என்ன ஆபத்து வந்துவிட்டது என்று சர்க்காரைக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The disposition of the Police force is a confidential matter and I am sorry it will not be possible for me to disclose it."

*Census of landholdings in the State.*

* 335 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have conducted any survey of landholdings in Malabar with reference to their extents; and

(*b*) if so, the main trends of facts revealed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have undertaken a census of landholdings for the entire State including Malabar. The results of the Census are likely to be known early next year."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware—of course, they will be aware—that the village karnams are men on the spot who are supposed to attend to this census work and as such this work involves additional responsibility on their part? In view of this, will the Government see to it that some extra allowance is given to the village karnams for doing this extra work? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government will look into that aspect of the question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

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SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" May I make a submission, Sir ? கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே ! நான் சில குறுகிய கால அவசரக் கேள்விகளைக் கொடுத்திருந்தேன். அவைகளில் பெரும்பாலானவை கல்வி மந்திரி அவர்களுடைய இலாகா சம்பந்தப்பட்டவை. அதில் ஒன்று முக்கியமானது ; அதாவது சர்க்கார் கல்லூரிகளில் உள்ள அதிகாரிகள் மாணவிகளை காங்கிரஸ் சேவைக்காக தொண்டர் படையில் சேரவேண்டுமென்று வற்புறுத்துவது பற்றிய ஒரு கேள்வி கேட்டிருந்தேன். அதைக் கொடுத்து 10 தினங்களுக்கு மேலாகிறது. சாதாரணமான கேள்விகளுக்கு 7 நாட்கள் போதுமென்று விதிகளிலே கூறப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அப்படியிருந்தும் என் இந்தக் கேள்வி இன்றும் வரவில்லை ? அதைக் கொஞ்சம் துரிதப்படுத்த முடியுமா என்பதை உங்கள் மூலமாக கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is the whole difficulty. When it is a short-notice question, to decide whether it can be a short-notice question or not takes a week. After that, in the ordinary course, it takes another week for us to prepare the answer. Therefore, I would request hon. Members to have the ordinary course open to them unless the question is specifically important and urgent."

**[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

## III.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I wish to announce to the House that I have received the following message from the Governor :—

'I have received with great satisfaction your resolution of thanks for the Address with which I opened the present session of the Legislature.' "

## IV.—MODIFICATION TO THE MADRAS LAND REVENUE (SURCHARGE) RULES, 1954.

*SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I move—

'*That under sub-section* (4) *of section* 7 *of the Madras Land Revenue* (*Surcharge*) *Act*, 1954, *the following modification be made in the Madras Land Revenue* (*Surcharge*) *Rules*, 1954, *published in the* Fort St. George Gazette (*Part I—Supplement*), *dated the* 13*th October* 1954, *and laid on the table of the Assembly on the* 2*nd December* 1954 :—

AMENDMENT.

*Rule* 1.

" *In sub-rule* (*ii*) *of Rule* 1, for *the words and figures*, ' 1st *day of July* 1954 ', substitute *the words and figures*, ' 6th *day of September* 1954 '." ' "

The motion was duly seconded.

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the object of this amendment is, the notification is dated 6th September 1954 while sub-rule (ii) of rule 1 says that the rules shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of July 1954, that is, giving retrospective effect to the rules. Sub-rule (3) of Rule 3 says :—

' Every landholder who is liable to pay as land revenue a sum exceeding rupees five hundred for a fasli in respect of all lands held by him in the State shall submit to the Collector of the district in which he resides or to the Collector of any of the districts in which he holds lands a declaration (in duplicate) in Form II within one month of the beginning of each fasli. '

12-40 p.m. " Rule 9 provides that any breach of rule 3 (2), 3 (3) or rule 4 (2) would entail a penalty. Therefore what happens is if a man did not submit his declaration within one month from the 1st of July 1954 in Form II of the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Rules, 1954, that was published on 6th September 1954, he will be liable to a fine. Whatever may be the rule of law, it should come into force only on 6th September 1954, when it was notified. Otherwise how could a landlord be aware of a notification published on 6th September 1954, even on the 1st of July 1954 and submit his declaration within one month from the 1st of July 1954? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That, under sub-section (4) of section 7 of the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Act, 1954, the following modification be made in the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Rules, 1954, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* (Part I—Supplement), dated the 13th October 1954, and laid on the table of the Assembly on the 2nd December 1954 :—

AMENDMENT.

*Rule* 1.

" In sub-rule (ii) of rule 1, for the words and figures, ' 1st day of July 1954 ', *substitute* the words and figures, ' 6th day of September 1954 '." '

" I want to know what the Hon. Minister wants to say."

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If the hon. Member's argument is pushed to its logical conclusion, even his own amendment will not avail him because he wants that the enforcement should be from 6th September 1954 whereas the rule was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* on 13th October 1954. These rules were framed under the Land Revenue (Surcharge) Act, 1954. The surcharge is proposed to be levied from that fasli. In order to collect the surcharge from that fasli, the rules will have to come into force from 1st July 1954. Therefore it should be conceded that the rules must have force from 1st July 1954 to implement the provisions of the Act. If the rules were to come into force from 1st July 1954, the same would entail punishment on the man who does not submit the return within one month from 1st July 1954. I may state and assure the hon. Member that it is not proposed to give effect to that part of the rules during the current fasli. We are not going to enforce that the return should be made within that time."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Is the Hon. Minister opposing or accepting the amendment of Sri M. Narayana Kurup? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am opposing it, Sir."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I plead ignorance for not being conversant with the date of notification by the Government. Because I said 6th September 1954 I thought that it was the day of publication. But the date of publication is 13th October 1954. Therefore in my amendment the date ought to have been 13th October 1954 instead of the 6th day of September 1954.

" Now the Hon. Minister says that Government are not going to enforce that provision this time. Of course I respect the assurance given by the Hon. Minister. But that assurance is not enough. If the Government were to issue another notification stating that for the current fasli, this rule will not be applied, I shall be content and then I will withdraw my amendment."

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I will look into that aspect also."

The amendment of Sri M. Narayana Kurup was, by leave, withdrawn.

## V.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

### MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES AS APPROVED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE —*cont.*

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Let us take up the rules that have been left over day before yesterday, viz., 56 and 57 and then we will proceed with the consideration of rules from rule 70 onwards.

" While speaking on his amendment to rules 56 and 57, Sri M. Narayana Kurup made a statement that he had a serious grievance in that an amendment which he had moved in the Select Committee and had been accepted by the Select Committee had not been incorporated in the rules and that it has been mutilated and restricted and that he did not know the reason why it had been done like that."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I did not move any amendment in the Select Committee. I meant the amendment that was proposed to be made in the rules as rule 40-A which was circulated to members of the Select Committee and accepted by the Select Committee."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Let the hon. Member hear me. Rule 40-A that was proposed was taken into consideration by the Select Committee. Certain changes were made and the Hon. Speaker suggested that certain provisions contained in rule 204 of the Lok Sabha Rules should also be included. In his speech Sri M. Narayana Kurup referred only to two changes relating to

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the deletion of certain words but did not refer to the statement in the minutes of the Select Committee, to what the Hon. Speaker had suggested, viz., that a rule similar to rule 204 of the Lok Sabha Rules specifying conditions in regard to admissibility of motions should also be introduced in our rules. The minutes do not show that rule 40-A was passed as it stood. It was resolved that the rule had to be redrafted in accordance with the suggestions made in the Select Committee. The rule was accordingly redrafted and the final rule was duly approved by the Hon. Speaker.

"Therefore, considering all this, it is wrong to say that there was some decision of the Select Committee which had not been carried out. As a matter of fact, the Select Committee considered everything and all the amendments suggested and accepted by the Select Committee have been properly drafted in the rules that are now before us.

"The original draft to which reference was made by the hon. Member, Sri Narayana Kurup, was subsequently considered by the Select Committee and the present rules, viz., Rules 56 and 57, are the result of the consideration of the Select Committee and they are in accordance with the decision taken in the Select Committee."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"I am entirely content with Rule 40-A and with the decision of the Select Committee thereon. I am sorry that the Hon. Finance Minister said that I did not make any reference to the changes suggested by the Hon. Speaker. I even then said that the rule adopted in the Lok Sabha may be adopted under Rule 58. I did mention that. I did not press forward any amendment. Rule 40-A was the one circulated to us. I did not move that. It was circulated to us as a proposed amendment to Rule 40. On page 64 of the Report of the Select Committee on the Rules of Procedure we could find the proceedings of the Select Committee in regard to Rule 40-A. The changes accepted by the Select Committee to Rule 40-A are exactly the same as the amendment which I have given notice of now. My grievance is that the changes accepted by the Select Committee (vide page 64 of the proceedings of the Select Committee) have not been carried out and that is how the necessity for bringing my amendment to Rule 56 has arisen. I know only the proceedings that took place in the Select Committee. On the other hand, if the Government wanted any other amendment, it was the Government's duty to bring such an amendment at the Select Committee and not arbitrarily alter the wordings approved by the Select Committee. If it was such an important matter, nothing was mentioned about that at the Select Committee. If, after mature consideration, it was thought that a change in the rules or decision of the Select Committee was needed, Government ought not to have taken such a long time. That is my stand, Sir."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"It is not a change made by the Government. Changes have been made with your

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approval, Mr. Speaker, you being the Chairman of the Select Committee. Government have nothing to do with it. The hon. Member need not think that Government have interfered here and made any changes. The Speaker, as the Chairman of the Select Committee, has redrafted the rules in accordance with the Select Committee's recommendation and has approved the same."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I think the proceedings of the Select Committee have been circulated. At that time the hon. Member did not raise any objection."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The rules were circulated only a few days ago and this is the time to make our submission." 12-20 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER :—" After the meeting was over whatever suggestions were made have been incorporated and it was circulated."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" What was circulated was only the proceedings of the Select Committee which even now appear at pages 56 to 74 of the printed book and not the rules as redrafted. The rules as finalised came to our knowledge only when the printed book (Report of the Select Committee on the Rules of Procedure) was circulated. Ordinarily, the reports of the Select Committee are signed by the Chairman, but in this case it has been signed by the Secretary. I do not mean anything by this."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have signed the Report."

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" My submission is with reference to Rule 92 (old rules) which says that the report, the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee as approved by the person presiding and, if the Bill has been amended, the Bill as amended by the Committee, shall be printed and copies furnished to each member of the Assembly. There was absolutely . . ."

* Dr. K. B. MENON :—" The Hon. the Finance Minister has cited the Hon. Speaker and the Hon. Speaker was the Chairman of the Committee. If the Hon. Speaker has made a statement that ought to settle the issue. I think that ought to close the whole affair and there is no necessity for any controversy on this point."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the question now is which is better, rules 56 and 57 as finally drafted, or rule 40-A. I think the hon. Member has accepted his leader's suggestion that the matter must be closed. The hon. Member has moved an amendment to rules 56 and 57. Leaving aside technicalities, the real question for consideration is whether we should adopt draft rule 40-A or rules 56 and 57 as finalised."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" As far as my memory goes, I only circulated what we accepted at the meeting. We have not changed it afterwards."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have absolutely no doubt that the present rules 56 and 57 are an improvement. Many of the restrictions which have been placed on the hon. Members have been removed. The present rule does not insist upon the two days' notice of intention to raise a debate. The Speaker is at liberty to fix a date even earlier. Draft rule 40-A provided that among persons who had given notices, the relative precedence shall be determined by ballot held under the directions of the Speaker as often as he considered necessary. This rule was considered as unnecessary and it was thought that motions of this kind should not be allowed to become so numerous as to determine the order of precedence by ballot. The rules which are placed before the House are quite proper. There are many other advantages also. Under these circumstances, apart from other technicalities, I think that we may accept the present rules 56 and 57. If only the hon. Member takes the trouble of comparing the two, he will find that there are greater advantages in accepting rules 56 and 57 than in accepting draft rule 40-A. I would therefore request the House to accept these rules."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Of course, the Hon. the Finance Minister says that we need not stand on technicalities but when every attempt of ours is blocked by technicalities . . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I think that the matter has been closed."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I will accept my leader's suggestion. But the statement made by the Hon. Speaker reveals some inconsistency."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Where is the inconsistency? I only said that as far as my memory goes, we circulated the proceedings as approved by the Select Committee. After all, I am not going to stand in the way of the acceptance of the amendment moved by the hon. Member."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the Hon. the Finance Minister said that the rules have been liberalised. As a matter of fact, our rights have been curtailed. For instance, draft rule 40-A provided that there can be half-an-hour debates on every day. The days are not specified in the rules as finalised. Here it is laid down that the Speaker may fix the date in consultation with the Leader of the House. Under draft rule 40-A we can get priority according to ballot. Further, there are many other restrictions. The notice is to be accompanied by an explanatory note stating the reasons for raising a discussion on the matter in question. All these things were not there in the draft rule. If the Speaker is satisfied that the matter is urgent and is of sufficient importance to be raised in the House at an early date, he may fix the date in consultation with the Leader of the House. Therefore we are at the mercy of the Leader of the House. By these new

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provisions, which the Hon. the Finance Minister acclaims as conferring many advantages on the hon. Members, the rights of the hon. Members are curtailed, mutilated and rendered nugatory and still the Hon. the Finance Minister says that he has liberalized the rules. I request the Hon. Speaker to compare the rules very carefully."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Then, shall we take up these rules at the end? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We can finish them now itself."

* Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, of course, I too was present at the meeting of the Select Committee. At this distance of time I do not remember what exactly happened, but when the Hon. Speaker assures this House that the suggestions made at the meeting have been carried out and that there was no interference, I think we must accept that statement."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, I feel that the rules 56 and 57, which are under discussion now, are certainly an improvement."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Is the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup withdrawing his amendment? "

* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" No, Sir, I am pressing my amendment."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' *For* the existing rule *substitute* the following :—

" 56. (1) At the conclusion of the business at any sitting, any member may, with the consent of the Speaker, raise a debate on a matter of administration for which the Government are responsible, provided that he has given at least two days' notice of his intention to raise such a debate.

(2) The two days' notice of intention to raise a debate under sub-rule (1) shall be given to the Secretary.

(3) Among persons who have given notice under sub-rules (1) and (2), the relative precedence shall be determined by ballot which will be held under the direction of the Speaker as often as he may consider necessary.

(4) A debate under sub-rule (1) shall lapse at the expiry of one hour after its commencement.

(5) No discussion under this rule shall take place on any day allotted for the discussion of a motion on the Governor's Address, or for the discussion of an Adjournment Motion on a matter of urgent public importance under rule 41.

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(6) If any discussion under this rule has been fixed for a date on which a motion under rule 41 is allowed, the former shall be postponed to the next convenient date available for such discussion.'' ' ''

The amendment was lost.

Rules 56 and 57 were approved.

*Rule 60.*

MR. SPEAKER :—'' The question is—

' That Rule 60 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' ''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—'' Sir, I move my amendment—

' For *the existing rule* substitute *the following* :—

'' 60. *The business of the Assembly shall be transacted in English, Tamil, Malayalam and Kannada, provided that the Speaker may permit any member who cannot adequately express himself in any of the aforesaid languages to address the Assembly in his mother-tongue.*'' ' ''

The amendment was duly seconded.

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Amendment moved—

' *For* the existing rule *substitute* the following :—

'' 60. The business of the Assembly shall be transacted in English, Tamil, Malayalam and Kannada, provided that the Speaker may permit any member who cannot adequately express himself in any of the aforesaid languages to address the Assembly in his mother-tongue.'' '

'' The House will rise to-day for lunch at 1 o'clock and will meet again at 2-30 p.m.''

**SRI S. RAMALINGAM** :—" தினமும் இம்மாதிரி இருந்தால் நன்ருக இருக்கும். இன்று மட்டுந்தான் இந்த ஏற்பாடா, அல்லது தினமும் இம்மாதிரியே சபை ஒரு மணியோடு ஒத்திவைக்கப்படுமா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

**MR. SPEAKER** :—" இன்றைக்கு மழையாக இருப்பதாலும், பல அங்கத்தினர்களுடைய விருப்பத்திற்கிணங்கவும் இன்று மட்டும் சபையை ஒரு மணிக்கு ஒத்திவைக்கலாம் என்று முடிவு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. பிரதி தினமும் இந்த ஏற்பாடு அல்ல."

12-30 p.m. SRI P. CHELLATHURAI :—'' Sir, I move the following amendment :—

' For *the word* '' *English* '', substitute *the word* '' *Tamil* ''.' ''

The amendment was duly seconded.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

'*For* the word "English", *substitute* the word "Tamil".' "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I move the following amendment :—

'Add *at the end the words " and provided further that the Speaker may arrange translation of the proceedings in any of the ' recognised languages ' if and when demanded by any member ".* ' "

SRI K. T. RAJU :—" I second the amendment, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

'*Add* at the end the words " and provided further that the Speaker may arrange translation of the proceedings in any of the ' recognised languages ' if and when demanded by any member ". ' "

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, according to the rule, Members who cannot express themselves adequately in English can be permitted by the Speaker to speak in any of the recognized languages of the State or in Hindi. But from our experience we know that there are many hon. Members here who can speak only in their regional language or mother-tongue. Therefore, such Members are not in a position to understand the proceedings or participate in the deliberations of this Assembly. Therefore, my amendment seeks to provide that the Speaker may arrange translation of the proceedings in any one of the ' recognized languages ' if and when demanded by any member. For example, there are hon. Members like Sri Vadivelu and Sri Kunhan who do not know any language other than their mother-tongue. Even in the first session, when I spoke on the Governor's Address, I put forward this suggestion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I think we may have the division at 2-30 p.m."

SRI K. RAJARAM NAIDU :—" We may have it before 1 p.m., Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Then, at 12-55 p.m. we may have it."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" I have no objection, Sir."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" To continue, Sir, some hon. Members who can understand only their mother-tongue are not able to understand the replies given by the Hon. Ministers

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and also some points of order that are sometimes raised. The other day when some hon. Members raised a point of order, you gave your verdict thereon. But unless the hon. Members understand your orders, they are not able to adhere to them. Therefore, for the smooth and intelligent working of this Assembly, I suggest that my amendment may be accepted.''

**Sri C. H. Kanaran** :—'' സർ, ഈ ഭേദഗതി എല്ലാവരും സ്വീകരിക്കുമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ വിശ്വാസം. ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരംഗം ആവശ്യപ്പെടുകയാണെങ്കിൽ തർജ്ജമ കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണ് ഭേദഗതി ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നത്. ഇവിടെ നടക്കുന്ന പലതും അധികം ആളുകളും അറിയാതെ പോകുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇംഗ്ലീഷിൽ സംസാരിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ ഫലമായിട്ട് ആ ഭാഷ അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാത്തവർക്ക് കാര്യങ്ങൾ മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. അതുപോലെതന്നെ മററു ഭാഷകളും മുഴുവൻ ആളുകൾക്കും മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. ഈ ദുഃസ്ഥിതിക്കു ഒരു പരിഹാരം കാണുകയും ആളുകൾക്കു കാര്യം മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ സഹായിക്കുകയുമാണ് ഈ ഭേദഗതിയുടെ ഉദ്ദേശം. അതുകൊണ്ടുമാത്രമേ ഈ അസംബ്ലി നടപടികൾമൂലം ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്ന ഫലം സിദ്ധിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. തർജ്ജമയ്ക്കുള്ള ഏർപ്പാടു കൂടിയേ തീരൂ എന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. ഈ ഭേദഗതിയെ ഞാൻ ശക്തിയായി പിന്താങ്ങുന്നു. അത് സഭ സ്വീകരിക്കുമെന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. ''

**Sri P. K. Gopalakrishnan** :—'' Sir, while supporting the amendment of the hon. Member Sri Narayanan Nambiar, I want to state that it seeks to provide for giving translations of proceedings only when Members demand it, and it is to be done at the discretion of the Speaker. This amendment does not make the giving of translations compulsory. Our experience in this Assembly has been that even when important statements are made by Ministers, when some interesting things are said, and when some hon. Members request that a translation in their mother-tongue may be given, the request is not complied with. For example, when the Hon. the Minister for Finance quoted day before yesterday some important and interesting proverb in Tamil and when a request for translation of the same was made, the Hon. Minister refused to accede to the request, even though the proverb was a short one and he could have given a translation in a short time. In the circumstances, a provision of the type sought to be made by this amendment is quite essential and it is up to the Speaker to exercise his discretion and order a translation of the proceedings whenever necessary. I hope that the Hon. Minister and the whole House will accept the amendment.''

(The Deputy Speaker in the Chair.)

12-37 p.m. * **Sri M. Kalyanasundram**:—" கனம் உதவி சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தச் சபையின் நடவடிக்கைகள் எல்லா அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கும் புரியக்கூடிய மொழியில் நடைபெறவேண்டும் என்கிற நோக்கத்துடன் நான் என்னுடைய திருத்தத்தைக் கொடுத்திருக்கிறேன். நம்முடைய அரசியல் சட்டப்படிகூட பதினைந்து வருஷங்களுக்குள்ளாக ஆங்கிலத்தை விட்டு நம்முடைய தாய் மொழியிலேயே நிர்வாக அலுவல்களையெல்லாம் நடத்த முயற்சிக்கவேண்டுமென்கிற ஒரு கட்டளை இருக்கிறது. இப்பொழுதே நாம் நம்முடைய தாய் மொழியில் பேசுவதற்கும், நிர்வாக விஷயங்களை விவாதிப்பதற்கும், சட்டம் இயற்றுவதற்கும் ஆரம்பித்தால் தான் நம்முடைய அரசியல் சட்டத்தில் கொடுத்திருக்கக்கூடிய அந்த

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உத்தரவை நாம் நிறைவேற்றக்கூடிய நிலைமைக்கு வரமுடியும் என்று நான் கருதுகிறேன். அரசியல் சட்டத்தில் ஒன்றை எழுதிவைத்து நாம் நடைமுறைக்குக் கொண்டுவருவதற்கு முயற்சி எடுத்துக்கொள்ளாமல் இருப்பது அரசியல் சட்டத்திற்குப் பூரண விசுவாசத்தைச் செலுத்துவதாக ஆகாது என்பதையும் நான் இந்த சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் எடுத்துக்காட்ட விரும்புகிறேன். இந்தப் பிரச்னை சுலபமாகத் தீர்க்கப்படுவதற்கு முக்கியமான ஒரு வழியும் இருக்கிறது. அதையும் ஆலோசிக்கவேண்டும். அப்பொழுதுதான் இந்தப் பிரச்னை சுலபமாகத் தீரும். அதாவது, மொழிவழி மாகாணம் அமைத்து ஒவ்வோரு ராஜ்ய சட்ட சபையின் நடவடிக்கைகள் அந்தந்த பிரதேச மொழியில் நடைபெற்றுல்தான் ஜனநாயகம் வளர்வதற்கு உதவியாக இருக்கும்.

"நம்முடைய ராஜ்யம் சம்பந்தப்பட்டமட்டில், ஆந்திர ராஜ்யம் நம்மிடத்திலிருந்து பிரிந்துவிட்டது. இன்னும் இருக்கக்கூடிய பிரதேசம் மிகக் குறைவுதான். மலேயாளப்பகுதியை திருவாங்கூர்-கொச்சி ராஜ்யத்தில் சேர்த்து மலேயாள ராஜ்யத்தை அமைத்துவிடலாம். திரு-தமிழகத்திலுள்ள தமிழ்ப் பிரதேசத்தை நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்தோடு சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளலாம். தென் கன்னட ஜில்லாவில் கன்னடப் பகுதியை மைசூர் ராஜ்யத்தோடு சேர்த்துவிட்டால் இந்தப் பிரச்னை இன்னும் சுலபமாகிவிடும். அப்பொழுது நம்முடைய சட்டசபை நடவடிக்கைகள் பூராவும் தமிழிலேயே நடத்தமுடியும். தமிழ் மட்டும் தெரிந்தவர்கூட அப்பொழுது மந்திரியாக வேலை பார்க்க முடியும். அந்த நிலைமை ஏற்படவேண்டும் என்பதற்காகத்தான் நாங்கள் இந்தத் திருத்தத்தை வற்புறுத்த வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. இப்பொழுது இருக்கக்கூடிய அங்கத்தினர்கள் பலருக்கு பாஷை சம்பந்தமாக பல கஷ்டங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. சபையில் நடக்கக்கூடிய விவாதங்கள் பூராவையும் புரிந்துகொள்ள பெரும்பாலான அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு இயலாமலிருக்கிறது. அங்கத்தினர்கள் ஒவ்வொருவரும் ஒவ்வொரு துறையில் அனுபவம் வாய்ந்தவர்களாகவும் அநேக விஷயங்களில் தங்கள் கருத்துக்களைத் தெரிவிக்கவேண்டும் என்று விருப்பமுடையவர்களாகவும் இருக்கிறுர்கள். ஆங்கிலத்தைப் புரிந்துகொள்ள முடியாத காரணத்திஞல் அவர்கள் இந்தச் சபை நடவடிக்கைகளில் முழுப் பங்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ள முடியாமலும் தங்களுடைய திறமைகளை உபயோகமான முறையில் இந்தச் சபையில் பிரயோகிக்க முடியாமலும் இருக்கிறுர்கள். ஆகவே, இந்தப் பிரச்னையை அரசியல் பிரச்னையாகக் கருதக்கூடாது. இரண்டு கட்சிகளுக்கிடையே இருக்கக்கூடிய அரசியல் பிரச்னையாக இதைக் கருதாமல், நம்முடைய நாட்டில் ஜனநாயகம் நல்ல முறையில் வளருவதற்கு நாம் செய்ய வேண்டிய ஒரு கடமையாகவே இதை நினைத்து அரசாங்கம் சரியானமுறையில் நடந்துகொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று நான் கருதுகின்றேன். நான்கு மொழிகளிலும் நடவடிக்கைகளனைத்தும் நடைபெறவேண்டுமென்று எங்களுடைய திருத்தத்தின் நோக்கமல்ல. சபை நடவடிக்கைகள் ஆங்கிலத்தில் நடந்தாலுங்கூட அச்சடித்துக்கொடுக்கப்படும் கேள்விகள், மசோதாக்கள் சம்பந்தப்பட்டவரையிலுமாவது தமிழ், மலேயாளம், கன்னடம் ஆகிய மூன்று மொழிகளிலும் மொழிபெயர்த்து எல்லா அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கும் எந்தெந்த மொழியில் வேண்டுமென்று விரும்புகிறுர்களோ அப்படிக் கொடுத்தால் அவர்களுக்கு உதவியாக இருக்கும். அப்பொழுதுதான், இந்தச் சிக்கலைத் தீர்க்கமுடியும். என்னுடைய திருத்தத்தை வாதப்பிரதிவாதத்திற்கு இடங்கொடுக்காமல் சர்க்காரே ஏற்றுக்கொண்டுவிட்டால் சிக்கல் குறையும் என்று கருதுகிறேன். ஆகவே, நிதி மந்திரி அவர்களை நான் **persuade** பண்ணுவதற்கு எனக்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய சக்திமுழுவதையும் உபயோகித்து அவர் இதை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Deputy Speaker, while I have full sympathy for the sentiments expressed by the hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition, I would request him also to consider the practical point of view, viz., whether it would be possible to adopt the amendment immediately. Because, once we 12 41 p.m.

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accept the amendment, it comes into force immediately. The only question which I would request the hon. Members who are interested in this to consider is to find out whether it would be immediately possible to transact the business in English, Tamil, Malayalam and Kannada with all its implications. I am afraid it is practically impossible now. I do agree that as far as possible we should try to transact our business in the language or languages known to all the Members. But unfortunately, still in a sense, ours is a composite State. We have our Malayali and Kannada friends still with us and we are not unhappy about it. If we adopt this amendment immediately, it will create difficulties. I may, however, assure the hon. Members that it is the intention of the Government to take a step forward in regard to the adoption of the various regional languages for the purpose of transaction of the business in this House. But that cannot be done overnight. Preparations will have to be made. There is trouble with regard to the translation of certain terms and expressions and with regard to the use of correct legal terminologies. These are the difficulties confronting us at the present moment. Under these circumstances, I would request the hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition to take my assurance that we will take every possible step to hasten the process. We are also interested in the matter. We are as much interested, if not more interested, in Tamil and similarly the other Members are equally interested in the various other regional languages. But there are certain practical difficulties which stand in our way. I am not at all happy to stand here and speak in English. As a matter of fact, I would be much happier to speak in Tamil which is my mother-tongue. But unfortunately that will create in a sense certain difficulties for the hon. Members who come from Malabar or from Kannada. I know they will tolerate me if I speak in Tamil. They will only tolerate me. That is all. Under the present circumstances, let us continue the present practice. Meanwhile, let us take all practical steps necessary for the purpose of introducing other languages for transacting our business. There will be a solution to this problem as soon as we have a linguistic State wherein only Tamil will be the official language. When Aikya Kerala is similarly formed, the Malayali friends can have their own language and when the greater Karnataka State is formed, our friends from the Kannada area can transact their business in Kannada. But, we do not know when that is going to happen. This matter is also under the active consideration of a Commission which has been appointed for this purpose. In view of all these, I would like to ask the hon. Members whether it is necessary now to make a changeover which is likely to create very great difficulties administratively and from a practical point of view also. Since the hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition appealed to me not to view this from a purely party point of view. I would make the same appeal to him. In view of the assurance I have given that we shall take every step for the purpose of seeing that the various regional languages are adopted, will he be good

enough to withdraw the amendment and agree to the passing of the rule as it stands and leave to Government the working out of the process to achieve the object? When the time is ripe, we can even bring forward suitable legislation and get it passed. Because, under the Constitution we have to bring forward legislation to make a language or languages the official language or one of the official languages. If we are to bring forward this legislation now, it will mean that we have to make not one but three languages as the official languages of the State. That will create all sorts of difficulties and will also wound the feelings of certain hon. Members who want that Tamil should be made the official language of the State and the business of the House should be transacted only in Tamil. That is why I say that, for the present, the rule may be allowed to stand as it is for all practical purposes so that in the near future we may be able to adopt the amendment which has been suggested by the hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition or God willing we may have only one language, viz., Tamil as the official language. In view of this assurance of mine, I hope Sri Kalyanasundram will be good enough to withdraw his amendment. As for the amendment of hon. Member Sri Chellathurai, the mere substitution of the word ' Tamil ' will create many difficulties for the other hon. Members. As for the amendment of Sri Narayanan Nambiar which states, ' provided further that the Speaker may arrange translation of the proceedings in any of the " recognized languages " if and when demanded by any Member ', I wish to point out that this matter has already been discussed and I had replied to this aspect so far as it relates to translation. We are at present getting on fairly well. No doubt, there are certain difficulties experienced by certain Members. But that is inherent in the very composition of the House and the composition of the State as such. Let us wait and see what the recommendations of the Commission appointed in this regard are. After knowing its recommendations we can take a definite step in this direction. But for the present, I am inclined to think that Rule 60 should stand as it is. I appeal to hon. Members Sri Kalyanasundram, Sri Chellathurai and Sri Narayanan Nambiar to kindly withdraw their amendments. I think hon. Member Sri Gopala Menon has not moved his amendment."

*Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" எந்த விதச் சிக்கலும் ஏற்படக் கூடாது என்பதுதான் எதிர்க் கட்சியினருடைய நோக்கமும். இப்படிப்பட்ட மாறுதல் ஏற்படுவதற்கு முதற்படியாக கேள்விகளும், மசோதாக்களும் அந்தந்த மொழியில் மொழிபெயர்த்து அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு சர்குலேட் பண்ண நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படும் என்ற ஒரு உறுதிமொழியை நிதி அமைச்சர் அளிக்க முடியுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, with reference to legislation, even now, a translation in Tamil, Malayalam and Kannada is being given in the Gazette. I think if a particular legislation pertains completely to the Tamil area, its translation in the other languages is not published in the Gazette. In this

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regard discretion is used as to the language in which a particular legislation is to be translated. If it is considered better to translate all legislations in all the languages, the suggestion will be examined. (Interruption.) These things are published in the Gazette. If the hon. Members only take care to go through the various Gazettes, they will find these. I think the hon. Members are going through the Gazettes supplied to them and making use of them and are not throwing them into waste-paper baskets. (Interruption.) The hon. Members may take it that these things are printed in the Gazettes and if it is necessary I shall let them know when and where they are printed."

Sri S. Ramalingam :—" We are not receiving them."

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" I shall see that these translations are also sent to the hon. Members. I do not think that translation of all other matters will be possible. Anyhow, in consultation with the Hon. Speaker, I shall try to see what steps can be taken in this direction. But there is one difficulty with regard to the translation of other matters. There are three languages, viz., Tamil, Malayalam and Kannada. If we are to translate these things in all these languages, it means that it will take three times the space that is now occupied. The question of the cost of printing also comes in. Three, I should say, four sheets will have to be printed; one in English, a second in Tamil, a third in Malayalam and the fourth in Kannada. This means that we will have to do the same work four times at a greater cost. This point also has to be taken into consideration. Anyhow, I shall consult the Hon. Speaker and see whether it would be possible to take a step in that direction. Or, if our Malayali and Kannada friends agree in view of their small number in this House to translating the questions only into Tamil, this proposition can be considered for adoption, in consultation with the various regional groups. Without their concurrence I do not want to take any step in the direction of translating these things only in one language, viz., Tamil.

12-50 p.m. " If they all agree we can take a step in that direction. But even on this, let us come to agreed conclusions rather than make it a matter of controversy. We can discuss that with the Hon. Speaker and see what could be done in the matter."

Sri M. Kalyanasundram :—" In view of the assurances given by the Hon. Minister for Finance I do not press my amendment."

Sri P. Chellathurai :—" அமைச்சர் அவர்களுடைய பதில் சிறிது ஆறுதல் அளிக்கும் தோரணையில் இருப்பதால் எனது திருத்தத்தை வாபஸ் பெறுகிறேன்."

The amendments of Sri Kalyanasundram and Sri Chellathurai were, by leave, withdrawn,

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* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister for Finance has of course accepted the arguments in favour of introducing the languages in transacting the business of the House. But the difficulty now expressed by him is the question of time and also finance. But as far as my amendment is concerned it is not mandatory on the part of the Hon. Speaker to translate all the things. It is only a suggestion to recognize the difficulty. Let our Rules also reflect the real situation that is now prevalent here. Then, I do not say, that all the proceedings of the House should be translated. I only say that translations of the proceedings should be made available to Members if any particular Member wants a particular thing to be translated, on any particular occasion. The reason is, on certain occasions, certain important things are discussed on the floor of this House and some hon. Members are not in a position to understand what is going on in the House. Last time when certain points of orders were raised and assurances were given by Hon. Ministers, a request was made to have these translated into other languages and circulated to hon. Members. This was not done and, as a result, the hon. Members of this House were at a disadvantage and could not understand what took place in the House then. In anticipation of the difficulties that may be expressed by the Hon. Minister, I worded my amendment in the manner I have done. I do not think there can be any difficulty in accepting this simple amendment. The amendment says : ' . . . may arrange translation of the proceedings in any of the recognized languages if and when demanded by any Member.'

" This is a simple amendment and I request the Hon. Minister for Finance and the Hon. the Leader of the House to accept my amendment."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I may tell the hon. Member that we can arrive at an understanding with reference to this matter in consultation with the Hon. Speaker. It is not necessary that this amendment should go into the rules. If it goes into the rules the Hon. Speaker may find it impossible on certain occasions to comply with these rules. We shall discuss this matter with the Hon. Speaker and decide on what occasions and what matters should be translated. I assure the hon. Member, we can have a small conference with the Hon. Speaker and party leaders of all language groups and arrive at a convention when a translation should be furnished to hon. Members, when the Bills should be published in various languages, etc. Not only that, even with reference to other important matters, we can decide when they should be published in languages. We can arrive at an agreement on these pending decisions on major questions. Therefore instead of incorporating the amendment of the hon. Member in the rules, I think it will be better to have a convention. I can assure the hon. Member that we shall have the conference even during this sitting and arrive at an understanding."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Then let the amendment be kept in abeyance."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the sympathetic attitude taken by the Hon. Minister for Finance and the Hon. the Leader of the House, towards this genuine desire of the hon. Members of this House, I do not press my amendment."

The amendment was, by leave, withdrawn.

Rule 60 was then approved.

HON. MEMBERS :—" We can now adjourn and take up Rule 70 after lunch."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, the House may now adjourn and consideration of Rule 70 may be taken up after lunch."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, the Hon. the Leader of the House also agrees that we can now adjourn and take up Rule 70 after lunch."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The House will now adjourn for lunch and meet again at 2-30 p.m."

The House then adjourned for lunch.

**(After lunch—2-30 p.m.)**

*Rule* 70.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 70 do stand part of of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, I move—

' Omit *sub-rule* (5).' "

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" I second it, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' *Omit* sub-rule (5).' "

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, I do not find this sub-rule (5) anywhere in India. It is not observed even in the Lok Sabha."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is the practice obtaining in all Legislatures. If division is claimed a number of times and if the Speaker thinks that it is claimed unnecessarily the Chair calls upon those hon. Members who are for the motion to rise in their places and after counting them announces the result. What is the practice here is being put in writing. If hon. Members do not want it in writing, we can remove it."

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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Even now it is being observed in practice. We need not incorporate it in the Rules."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Even now it is in practice. It is also in the old Rules."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" It is not in the old Rules."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" But having put it in the new Rules, if we reverse it, it will mean that the Chair should not do it. If that is not the implication, I am not very particular to have it."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We can record it in the proceedings that it is not the intention of any hon. Member to fetter the discretion of the Chair. Now, I have no objection and we can remove it. The question is—

'*Omit* sub-rule (5) and *renumber* sub-rule (6) as sub-rule (5).' "

The amendment was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 70 as amended do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

Rule 70 as amended was approved.

*Rule* 71.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 71 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rule.' "

SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, I move—

'*In Explanation* (2) omit *item* (ii) *and* renumber *the subsequent items*.' "

SRI G. GOVINDAN :—" I second it, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

'In Explanation (2) *omit* item (ii) and *renumber* the subsequent items.' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, Explanation (2) of Rule 71 enumerates certain events, the happening of which will amount to the rejection of a Bill under discussion before the House. There are four events mentioned there and it is with reference to the second item that I have proposed my amendment. The second item is to this effect : ' if any of the following motions

under these rules has been rejected by the House . . . (ii) that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee ' a Bill shall be deemed to have been rejected. Here, there may be a motion for taking up the Bill for consideration and there may be an amendment to the motion to the effect ' that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee '. If the amendment to the motion is passed, does it mean that the Bill has been rejected? I feel some difficulty about it and, therefore, I have proposed that amendment. The sub-rule as it is will amount to the rejection of the Bill if there is a motion passed to the effect ' that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee.' "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Perhaps the objection raised by the hon. Member may be met by saying, ' that a Bill shall be deemed to have been rejected for the purpose of this rule, if any of the following motions not being moved as an amendment to a substantive motion under these rules has been rejected by the House.' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, it can be done."

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Even then I must have this doubt cleared. Suppose a main motion to the effect ' that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee ' is not carried. Will it amount to the rejection of the Bill? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We cannot bring it again. It amounts to the rejection of the Bill."

The amendment was, by leave, withdrawn.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Then, what is the other amendment proposed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *In Explanation* (2), add *the following words in continuation of item (ii)* :—

" *where such motion has not been made as an amendment to a motion made by a member in charge that the Bill be taken into consideration* ".' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' In Explanation (2), *add* the following words in continuation of item (ii) :—

" where such motion has not been made as an amendment to a motion made by a member in charge that the Bill be taken into consideration." ' "

The amendment was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 71 as amended do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

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The motion was carried and the rule as amended was approved.

*Rule* 72.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 72 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move— 2-40 p.m.

'*In sub-rule* (2), for *the words* " *any member* ", substitute *the words* " *any other member* " ' "

SRI G. GOVINDAN :—" I second the amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

' In sub-rule (2), *for* the words " any member ", *substitute* the words " any other member ".' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sub-rule (2) of Rule 72 reads—

**' If, at the time of putting the question on a motion to the vote of the House, the mover of the motion is absent, it shall be considered to have been withdrawn by him, unless any member of the House asks that the question on the motion be put.'**

I want, Sir, that instead of the words ' any member of the House ', the words ' any other member of the House ' may be substituted. I am only suggesting a verbal change. The amendment may be accepted."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The amendment is not necessary and the rule may stand as it is."

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" I am withdrawing my amendment."

The amendment was, by leave, withdrawn.

Rule 72 was approved.

Rule 73 was approved.

*Rule* 74.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 74 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like the words ' but not an amendment to a Bill ' to be added after the words ' an amendment to a resolution ' in item (ii) of Explanation to rule 74 (1)."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM—" It is not necessary."

Rule 74 was approved.

Rules 75 to 78 were approved.

*Rule* 79.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 79 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following amendment :—

' Omit *sub-rule* (1).' "

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" I second the amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

' *Omit* sub-rule (1).' "

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" As the present sub-rule (1) curtails the powers of the Hon. Speaker, I want that the sub-rule should be omitted."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I suggest that if the words ' without the permission of the Speaker ' are added, the object of the mover of the amendment will be met."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" No member can speak without the permission of the Hon. Speaker."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I accept the amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' *Omit* sub-rule (1).' "

The amendment was carried.

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Mr. Speaker Sir, I have given notice of an amendment that in sub-rule (1), for the words ' a no-confidence motion in the ministry ', the words ' a motion of no-confidence in the ministry ' should be substituted."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We have already passed an amendment to omit the entire sub-rule (1). The question is—

' That Rule 79 as amended do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

The motion was carried and the rule as amended was approved.

Rules 80 and 81 were approved.

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*Rule* 82.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 82 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" The Speaker shall decide all points of order that may arise and his decision should be final. It may similarly be also in the case of the Deputy Speaker. But in the case of those on the panel of Chairman, my submission is that we should consider the question of providing for some appeal to the Hon. Speaker."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Such a provision is not to be seen in any rules anywhere in the world."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If such a rule is adopted, then nobody will agree to be included in the panel of Chairman."

Rule 82 was approved.

Rules 83 to 87 were approved.

*Rule* 88.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 88 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" I beg to move the following amendment :—

' *After the words " non-recurring expenditure "*, insert *the words " expected to be ".*' "

SRI G. GOVINDAN :—" I second the amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

' After the words " non-recurring expenditure ", *insert* the words " expected to be ".' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, if a Bill is passed into law, we can say ' that such and such expenditure is involved.' But in the case of a Bill which has not been passed into law and which is in the stage of deliberation, we must say ' that such and such expenditure which is expected to be involved '."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The expression ' involving expenditure ' does not mean ' expenditure actually incurred '. It means, ' expenditure that will be incurred when the Bill is passed into law '. I consider the words ' expected to be ' unnecessary."

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" The words I have suggested in my amendment will make the meaning of the rule clear."

MR. SPEAKER :—" May I know whether the hon. Member is withdrawing the amendment? "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" I am not pressing my amendment."

The amendment was, by leave, withdrawn.

Rule 88 was approved.

Rule 89 was approved.

*Rule* 90.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I beg to move the following amendment :—

' For *the existing rule*, substitute *the following* :—

" 90. (1) *If notice is given of any motion in respect of a Bill or an amendment which, in the opinion of the Speaker, cannot be made except on the recommendation of the Governor or with the previous sanction of the President, the Speaker shall, as soon as may be after the receipt of the notice, refer the Bill or the amendment to the authority who would have the power to grant the recommendation or sanction, and the motion shall not be placed on the list of business unless the recommendation or previous sanction required has been granted.*

(2) *If any doubt arises whether any motion in respect of a Bill or amendment is or is not a motion which cannot be made except on the recommendation of the Governor or with the previous sanction of the President, the question shall be referred to the authority who would have the power to grant the recommendation or the previous sanction if it were necessary, and the decision of that authority on the question shall be final.*" ' "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" I beg to move the following amendment :—

' *In sub-rule* (1), for *the words* " *and the motion shall not be placed . . . . has been granted* ", substitute *the words* " *and until the recommendation or the previous sanction is obtained, a Bill if allowed to be introduced shall not be passed into law* ".' "

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SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" I second the amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

' In sub-rule (1), *for* the words " and the motion shall not be placed . . . . has been granted ", *substitute* the words " and until the recommendation or the previous sanction is obtained a Bill if allowed to be introduced, shall not be passed into law ".' "

* SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" In sub-rule (1) of rule 90, I want the words ' and the motion shall not be placed on the list of business unless the recommendation or previous sanction required has been granted ' to be removed and in their place the following words substituted : ' and until the recommendation or the previous sanction is obtained a Bill if allowed to be introduced, shall not be passed into law '."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Please see whether the amendment is not repugnant to the provisions of the Constitution."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" I have examined the constitutional aspect and in my opinion, Rule 90 containing sub-clauses (1) and (2) is unnecessary.

" Sir, kindly refer to Articles 207 (1) and 207 (3) of the Constitution. My point is covered by Article 207 (3). Article 207 (1) says : ' A Bill or amendment making provision for any of the matters specified in sub-clauses (*a*) to (*f*) of clause (1) of Article 199 shall not be introduced or moved except on the recommendation of the Governor . . . etc.' This refers to Money Bills and what are Money Bills is stated clearly in Article 199. We are not concerned with it here. There the provision is made clear that even for introducing a Bill, the prior sanction of the Governor is necessary and it is not left to the discretion of the Speaker. But Article 207 (3) says : ' A Bill which if enacted and brought into operation, would involve expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of a State shall not be passed by a House of the Legislature of the State unless the Governor has recommended to that House the consideration of the Bill.' 2-50 p.m.

" Now, this rule 90 is very wide and refers to Bills which are referred to in Article 207 (3) of the Constitution. With regard to that, the Speaker has got the discretion under Article 199 (3) which says : ' If any question arises whether a Bill introduced in the Legislature of a State which has a Legislative Council is a Money Bill or not, the decision of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of such State thereon shall be final.' So even with regard to ascertaining whether a Bill is a Money Bill or not, it is left to the discretion of the Speaker. But this rule refers to even less important Bills than Money Bills and in this case, the rule seeks to vest the power in the hands of the Governor or the President and the Speaker has no discretion. Therefore, I am opposed to sub-rule (2) of rule 90. And I want sub-rule (1) to be modified in the

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manner sought in my amendment. It is not repugnant to the Constitution. Therefore, I want that 'where the consideration of a Bill requires the prior sanction of the Governor, the Speaker can allow the Bill to be introduced pending sanction of the Governor'. I am only suggesting the recording of that principle in the rule."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Let me explain, Sir. If the hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition kindly reads my amendment, he will know. It reads—

'If notice is given of any motion in respect of a Bill or an amendment which, in the opinion of the Speaker, cannot be made except on the recommendation of the Governor or with the previous sanction of the President, the Speaker shall as soon as may be after the receipt of the notice, refer the Bill or the amendment to the authority who would have the power to grant the recommendation or sanction, and the motion shall not be placed on the list of business unless the recommendation or previous sanction required has been granted.'

"There are two things. Under Article 207 (1) even a motion for the introduction of the Bill cannot be made without the sanction of the Governor. Similarly, as far as Article 207 (3) is concerned, a motion for the consideration of the Bill cannot be made. There are two kinds of motions, namely, motion for introduction and motion for consideration. If in respect of any particular motion, previous sanction of the Governor is necessary, then such a motion will not be put on the agenda. Therefore, if for the motion of introduction, the Governor's sanction is not necessary, then that motion for introduction will not be barred by the amended rule. If it is a motion for consideration and, if under Article 207 it is necessary to have the previous approval of the Governor, that motion alone will be blocked and not the motion for introduction. Therefore, in rule 90 (1) I am making it clear. This simply follows Article 207 (1) and (3). There is no difficulty. Rule 90 (2) automatically follows the constitutional provision of Article 207. There is absolutely no objection, unless there is something which I have not been able to follow."

* SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—"Even after hearing the Hon. the Leader of the House, I feel that he has not understood my point. Even according to the revised rule proposed by the Hon. the Leader of the House, rule 90 (1) says that if in the opinion of the Speaker a Bill requires prior sanction, then that Bill should not be placed on the list of business, etc. Then in sub-rule (2) it is stated that the question shall be referred to the authority, etc. If the Speaker is in doubt, it is for him to seek a clarification through any other authority and in the Constitution the provision is there that the Speaker himself can decide whether a particular Bill is a Money Bill or not and whether a particular Bill needs prior sanction of the Governor or not. When the Constitution gives the power of discretion to the Speaker, why should we take it away here? It is not even clearly stated in the rule as to who can raise a doubt. Suppose, a member raises a doubt, then it is necessary that the Speaker should decide about it. And so, sub-rule (2) is repugnant to the spirit of the Constitution."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, as far as rule 90 (1) is concerned, if in the opinion of the Speaker, the Governor's sanction is necessary, then it is decided once for all. Supposing the Speaker himself is in doubt, it is open to him to refer the matter to any other authority for getting it finally settled. That is rule 90 (2). Wherever the Speaker expresses his opinion it is final and that comes under rule 90 (1). But if there is a certain case where it is not clear whether an expenditure is involved and where the Speaker himself is in doubt, then the Speaker, for the purpose of deciding it, refers to the authority who will go into the whole question. Rule 90 (2) covers only such cases. If under rule 90 (1) the Speaker gives his opinion, there is no further necessity to resort to sub-rule (2) which comes into operation only if there is a doubt in the mind of the Speaker. Thus both the sub-rules under rule 90 are necessary."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Under rule 90 (2), the difficulty can be obviated, if the words ' by the Speaker ' are added between the words ' the question shall be referred ' and ' to the authority '. If this is done, the whole thing will be clear. Now it is not clear who shall refer the question. It may be that the Government is in doubt and either they or the Speaker may do so."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Government does not come here. It is only the Speaker and this will be clear if rule 90 (2) is read with rule 90 (1)."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" That may be made more clear by the addition of the words ' by the Speaker '. I therefore move that—

> ' Add *the words " by the Speaker " between the words " the question shall be referred " and the words " to the authority, etc.", occurring in the middle of sub-rule* (2) *of rule* 90.' "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" I second the amendment."

The amendment of Sri M. Kalyanasundram was, by leave, withdrawn.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' *Add* the words " by the Speaker " between the words " the question shall be referred " and the words " to the authority, etc.", occurring in the middle of sub-rule (2) of rule 90.' "

The amendment was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 90 as amended do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

3 p.m. The motion was carried and the rule as amended was approved.

Rules 91 and 92 were approved.

*Rule* 93.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 93 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I want to make a submission here. The Rule says that nobody shall introduce a Bill except the person who has given notice of it. The proviso says—

**'Provided that where a member-in-charge of the Bill is unable to be present in the House, any other member may if authorised in writing by such member, be permitted by the House to carry the Bill through its further stages.'**

I want this proviso to read as '. . . . . be permitted by the House to introduce the Bill or to carry the Bill through its further stages.' As it is, permission to introduce a Bill is not given to the Member who is authorised by another Member in writing to introduce it on his behalf, if a strict interpretation of the rule is made."

MR. SPEAKER :—" No other Member can introduce it. That is the old practice."

Sri M. Kalyanasundram seconded the amendment orally suggested by Sri Narayana Kurup.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the term 'member-in-charge of the Bill' is defined earlier in the rules as '(i) in the case of a Government Bill, the Minister introducing the Bill on behalf of the Government or (ii) in any other case, the Member who has introduced the Bill'. 'Member-in-charge of the Bill' means the Member who has introduced the Bill. Therefore, I feel that the amendment suggested is not appropriate."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" What about my other suggestion? There should be a provision for introducing Bills in the absence of the Member who has given notice of the Bills if he has authorised somebody else in writing to do so."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of an amendment and we shall take it up later by reopening the issue."

Rule 93 was approved.

*Rule* 94.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That rule 94 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

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* SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*In sub-rule* (1) *for the word* " *three* " *occurring in line* 3, substitute *the word* " *fifteen* ".'

The Government, in the case of Government Bills, have got powers to publish Bills in the *Fort St. George Gazette* even without introducing them in the House. What happens in practice is that when they publish the Bills in the Gazette we leave our homes and our constituencies and come here. In between the publication of the Bills and our arrival here, we find that they are put on the agenda. We find ourselves in great difficulty to study the Bills and effectively contribute to the debate on such Bills. For instance, there are now a dozen Bills before us and we find it very difficult to study them and cope with the agenda. To avoid such difficulties and in order to be able to effectively contribute to the debate on the Bills, we suggest that at least seven days must be given after publishing the Bills in the Gazette to the Members to study them. Even that period may not be sufficient. 'Three days' in the proposed rules will cause a real hardship. In the existing rules it is six days and my amendment seeks to make it fifteen. I said seven days would be the minimum period required. I suggest that it might be ten days, as a compromise."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த 94-வது விதியில் ஒரு மசோதா கெஜட்டில் பிரசுரமான பிறகு மூன்று நாட்களுக்கு எல்லாம் இந்தச் சபையில் பிரேரேபிக்க அதிகாரம் அளிக்கிறது. அதாவது சர்க்கார் மூன்று நாள் நோட்டீஸில் எந்த மசோதாவையும் சபையின்முன் விவாதத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவரலாம் என்று இந்த விதியில் சொல்லப்படுகிறது.

" நான் ஏற்கெனவே சொன்னதுபோல மூன்று நாட்கள் நோட்டீஸ் கொடுப்பது என்பது கொஞ்சம்கூட சரியல்ல. எங்களுக்கு மசோதாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ள போதுமான அவகாசமே கிடையாது. ஆகவேதான் நாங்கள் மசோதாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொண்டு சபையில் எங்களுடைய வேலையைச் சரியாகச் செய்வதற்கு குறைந்தது 15 நாட்கள் அவகாசமாவது கொடுக்கப்படவேண்டுமென்ற ஸ்ரீ கல்யாணசுந்தரத்தின் திருத்தத்தை ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். அதோடு திருத்த மசோதா வருவதாக இருந்தால் திருத்த மசோதாவோடு கூட, எந்தப் பழைய சட்டத்திற்குத் திருத்தம் வருகிறதோ அந்தப் பழைய சட்டத்தையும் திருத்த மசோதாவோடுகூடவே எங்களுக்குக் கொடுத்தால் இரண்டையும் படித்து பூர்ணமாகத் தெரிந்துகொண்டு பணியாற்ற ஹேதுவாக இருக்கும்.

" அதோடுகூட இன்னொரு விஷயத்தை சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவரின் ஞாபகத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவர விரும்புகிறேன். சாதாரண அங்கத்தினர்களாக இருக்கக்கூடியவர்கள் ஏதாவது தீர்மானங்கள் கொடுப்பதானால் குறைந்தபட்சம் 15 நாட்கள் நோட்டீஸ் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று இருக்கிறது. எப்படி சாதாரண அங்கத்தினர்களின் தரப்பிலிருந்து வரக்கூடிய தீர்மானங்களுக்கு சர்க்கார் அதனை நன்கு பரிசீலனை செய்துகொள்வதற்கு 15 நாட்கள் நோட்டீஸ் வேண்டுமென்கிறார்களோ, அதைப்போல சர்க்கார் தரப்பிலிருந்து வரக்கூடிய மசோதாக்களை எல்லாம் நாங்கள் நன்கு படித்துப் புரிந்துகொண்டு விவாதம் செய்வதற்கு 15 நாட்கள் நோட்டீஸ் அவசியம் கொடுத்தாகவேண்டும். மூன்று நாட்கள் அவகாசம் கொடுப்பது கொஞ்சம் கூடப் போதாது. ஆகவே ஸ்ரீ கல்யாணசுந்தரம் கொடுத்திருக்கக்கூடிய திருத்தத்தை சர்க்கார் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று நான் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I find in the Lok Sabha, where more difficult subjects come up for consideration, the time fixed is only two days, not even three days. It is only after consideration of all these things, we fixed it at three days in the Select Committee. Of course, the Government will try to publish the Bills as early as possible to enable Members to make an effective contribution to the debate. I would respectfully submit that three days should be more than enough."

* DR. K. B. MENON :—" The Lok Sabha has got more work and we have got less work. Why should it, therefore, be restricted to three days? "

* SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" The Speaker has got powers to waive notice, whenever necessary. Where the subject-matter of the Bill is urgent and important notice can be waived. But ordinarily, we require fifteen days' time so that we may be able to study the Bills thoroughly and take part in the debates. We request that it be increased to fifteen days."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We will have the original provision, viz., six days. In cases of urgency we can always ask for a waiver of the notice."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" In that case, I withdraw my amendment.

The amendment was, by leave, withdrawn."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall move a formal amendment. I move—

' *In sub-rule* (1) for *the word* " *three* " *occurring in line* 3, substitute *the word* " *six* ".' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' In sub-rule (1), *for* the word " three " occurring in line 3, *substitute* the word " six ".' "

The amendment was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 94 as amended do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

The motion was carried and the rule as amended was approved.

Rules 95 to 100 were approved.

*Rule* 101.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 101 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

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* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, I move—

' *After the words* " *any special interests* " *occurring in sub-rule* (1), insert *the words* " *that shall be* ".'

Rule 101 (1) says—

' A Select Committee may hear expert evidence and the representatives of any special int rests affected by the measure before it.'

Any interests will be affected only when a measure becomes law. Even before a Bill is passed into law, it might benefit some. When they know that the proposed Bill will prejudice their interests when it becomes law, they may take time by the forelock, make a profitable bargain under the existing law and may not sustain any loss at all. They are not affected at all when the Bill is taken up by the Select Committee for examination. It is only when it becomes law, the interests referred to in the Act will be affected by its provisions. So, for the expression ' any special interests affected by the measure ', I want the expression ' any special interests that shall be affected by the measure ', to be substituted."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I second it."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" After all it is a matter of English as to what are the proper words to be used here. Instead of having the words ' that shall be affected ', we can have the words ' likely to be affected '." 3-10 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER :—" All right. I will now read the amendment as further amended. The question is—

' After the words " any special interests " occurring in sub-rule (1), *insert* the words " likely to be ".' "

The amendment was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 101 as amended do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

The motion was carried and the rule as amended was approved.

Rules 102 and 103 were approved.

*Rule* 104.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 104 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

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* Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" My suggestion would be to add at the end of Rule 104, the following, viz. :—

'Any amendment given notice of by members and not disposed of by the Assembly shall stand transferred to the Select Committee for consideration.'

This rises in this way. Notice is given that a Bill will be taken into consideration at once. Of course hon. Members give amendments to that Bill. Suppose that Bill is referred to a Select Committee. Then my suggestion, if accepted, would tantamount to all the amendments moved by hon. Members being automatically transferred to the Select Committee for consideration."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I do not think any such difficulty has been experienced by any hon. Member. The Select Committee will consider all the amendments given notice of by hon. Members. Nothing stands in their way. The Select Committee can go thoroughly into all amendments. It is wholly in their province."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" My point is that if the suggestion of mine is accepted, it will be all the more helpful to the Select Committee."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Who prevents hon. Members from offering their amendments to the Select Committee? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think that such a specific provision is necessary. The Select Committee can go through the matter thoroughly, whenever a Bill is referred to a Select Committee. They can go through all amendments suggested by hon. Members."

Rule 104 was approved.

Rules 105 to 117 were approved.

*Rule* 118.

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 118 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* Sri P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, I move—

'For *the words " if such a Bill is received back . . . . with its recommendations "*, substitute *the words " if such a Bill other than a Money Bill is received back from the Council with amendments made in that House or if a Money Bill is received back from the Council with its recommendation." '*

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" Two kinds of Bills are referred to under Rule 117, viz., a non-Money Bill and a Money Bill. When referring to a non-Money Bill, the word is used in the singular and when referring to the other category, i.e., the Money Bill, the plural is used. Rule 118 begins thus : ' If *such* a Bill is received back . . .' It may refer to a non-Money Bill or Money Bill. Because it is said that ' if such a Bill is received back from the Council with *amendments* ', we have got to infer that it refers to a non-Money Bill, as the Council cannot make any amendments to a Money Bill. Later on in the case of Money Bills, the word in the plural number is used. Later on it is said ' copies of the Bill ' with such amendments or recommendations shall be laid on the table at a meeting of the Assembly. In the first portion of the paragraph the singular is used whereas in the later part of the paragraph the plural is used."

SRI N. RAJAGOPAL :—" I second the amendment."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think it is due to the area affinity or the distance affinity that makes the hon. Member second the amendment of Sri P. S. Krishnaswamy Ayyangar. (Laughter.)

" Rule 117 says that the procedure laid down in it shall *not* apply to Money Bills. In the case of Money Bills, recommendations alone are made in the Council and *not* amendments. Therefore I do not think the amendment of Sri P. S. Krishnaswamy Ayyangar is necessary."

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister opposing my amendment? (Laughter.)

" Two contingencies are referred to under this rule—the contingency of a Money Bill being received with recommendation and the contingency of a non-Money Bill being received with amendments. The rules of syntax require that if two contingencies are to be expressed, both of them should be expressed by two similar clauses or by two similar phrases.

" The first part of the paragraph begins with a conditional clause. ' If such a Bill is received back from the Council with amendments made in that House . . .' In the later half the beginning words are ' or in the case of Money Bills with its recommendations . . .' While there is singular in the former, and plural in the latter in the subsequent portion relating to grant of copies, the word in the singular is used. The rules of syntax condemn the expression of two contingencies as found in this clause. On these grounds, I press my amendment. If the Hon. Minister still persists in his view, grammarians will find fault with the present rule as being ill-drafted. Even after my saying this if the Hon. Minister persits in his view, I am withdrawing my amendment." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As far as my knowledge of English goes, I think the present rule is clear."

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The amendment of Sri P. S. Krishnasamy Ayyangar was, by leave, withdrawn.

Rule 118 was approved.

Rules 119, 120 and 121 were approved.

*Rule* 122.

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 122 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* Sri P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, I move—

'(i) *In sub-rule* (2) *after the words* " *shall be sent* ", insert *the word* " *back* ".

(ii) *In sub-rule* (3), for *the word* " *further* " *occurring in line* 2, substitute *the word* " *new* ".

(iii) *In sub-rule* (3), for *the word* " *further* " *occurring in line* 4, substitute *the word* " *above* ".' "

Sri N. RAJAGOPAL :—" I second it."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I oppose it, Sir."

* Sri P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Then I drop my amendment (i)." (Laughter.)

With the permission of the House, amendment (i) was withdrawn.

* Sri P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" There is necessity for my amendment Nos. (ii) and (iii) which I have already moved. Rule 122 (3) begins thus. 'If the Assembly agrees to the amendments or any of them with *further* amendments . . .' Sub-rule (3) of Rule 122 refers to two sorts of amendments, viz., further amendments to the amendments passed in the Council and new amendments proposed in the Assembly. After the amendments suggested by the Council are received back, this House may pass further amendments or suggest new amendments. Therefore I think the meaning would be made clear by inserting for the word 'further' in line 2 the word 'new' or 'fresh'. When it is said in line 4 the Bill as 'further amended' will be sent to that House, the expression is not correct. The wording is vague. We should say as 'above amended', instead of as 'further amended.'

3-20 p.m. " The expression 'as further amended' would only refer to the further amendments made by this House to the amendments made by the other House. On the other hand, it may be that we have proposed new amendments. Therefore, the proper thing would be to state 'as above amended'. I would like to know whether the Government are prepared to accept my amendments."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is nothing like ' new amendments '. ' Further ' is the proper word here. If the word ' new ' were to be substituted, it would create difficulties. Suppose it is an amendment which was considered already and which we have adopted. Then somebody may say that it is not a new amendment but is an old amendment. ' Further amendments ' is the proper wording here. The other amendments suggested by the hon. Member are only consequential. I request the hon. Member to withdraw his amendments."

The amendments were, by leave, withdrawn.

Rule 122 was approved.

Rules 123, 124 and 125 were approved.

*Rule* 126.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 126 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, I move—

' *After the words* " *from the* ", insert *the words* " *date of* ".' "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I second the amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

' After the words " from the ", *insert* the words " date of ".' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, Rule 126 says, ' no such motion shall be set down in the list of business for any day which is less than three days from the receipt of the notice '. The expression ' from the receipt of the notice ' would refer to a particular point of time. Suppose the notice is received at one o'clock, then three days would have to be calculated from that point of time, that is, seventy-two hours should lapse from the point of time when the notice was received. The expression ' from the date of receipt of the notice ' would be proper."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I accept the Assembly Rules.' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' After the words " from the ", *insert* the words " date of ".' '

The amendment was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 126 as amended do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules '."

The motion was carried and the rule as amended was approved.

*Rule* 127.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 127 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, I move—

'For *the words* " *On the day on which* ", substitute *the words* " *On the day for which* ".' "

The amendment was duly seconded.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

'*For* the words " On the day on which ", *substitute* the words " On the day for which ".' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, Rule 127 says, ' On the day on which such motion is set down in the list of business, the member in charge of the Bill may move that the Bill be taken into consideration '. The list of business is circulated on the previous day also. It is not, as a rule, circulated only on the day on which the motion is taken. Therefore, ' on the day for which such motion is set down ' would read well."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I accept the amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'*For* the words " On the day on which ", *substitute* the words " On the day for which ".' "

The amendment was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 127 as amended do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

The motion was carried and the rule as amended was approved.

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*Rule* 128.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 128 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, I move—

'(i) *After the words* " *Any member may* ", insert *the punctuation mark* " , ".

(ii) Remove *the brackets in the rule.*

(iii) Omit *the words* " *but not otherwise* " *occurring in line* 3.' "

SRI N. RAJAGOPAL :—" Sir, I second the amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

(i) After the words " Any member may ", *insert* the punctuation mark " , ".

(ii) *Remove* the brackets in the rule.

(iii) *Omit* the words " but not otherwise " occurring in line 3.' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, this rule refers to a motion to be made by a member to the effect that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee. It is with reference to a Bill that has been received from the other House. It says that any member may move that a Bill be referred to a Select Committee under two circumstances, namely, if it has not already been referred to a Select Committee of the Council or to a Joint Select Committee of both Houses. If these two conditions are present, then the motion cannot be made at all here. The expression ' but not otherwise ' seems to be superfluous, and I therefore want the deletion of those words."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the question is that when a Bill comes up for the consideration of this House from the other House, when can a member move a motion for reference to a Select Committee. Only in two cases he can move it, that is, if the Bill has not already been referred to a Select Committee of the Council or to a Joint Select Committee of both Houses but not otherwise. I think the wording is all right. The rule is very clear on the point and I do not think the amendment is necessary."

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, two conditions must be satisfied for moving the motion. When we are making an oration and say so many things, repetition may be permissible, but in a piece of legislation where superfluity and repetition are not necessary, I think that expressions like ' but not otherwise ' should be avoided. It is on that ground that I have suggested this amendment."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have explained the position to the hon. Member and I request him to withdraw the amendment."

The amendments were by leave, withdrawn.

Rule 128 was approved.

Rules 129 to 135 were approved.

*Rule* 136.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 136 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, Rule 136 says, 'When any of the following motions moved in the House with reference to a Bill originating in the Council and transmitted to the House is negatived by the House, the Bill shall be deemed to the House is negatived by the House, the Bill shall be deemed to have been rejected by the House :—(i) that the Bill be referred Suppose a Bill is received from the other House. When it is sought to be introduced, there is a motion that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee. Suppose that motion is negatived. Does it mean that the Bill has been rejected? It cannot mean that the Bill has been rejected. The Bill has been received from the other House, it is for discussion before this House and a motion is made that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee. The other House has sent the Bill to us and it will have to be considered here."

3-30 p.m. THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the substance of the amendment which the House accepted in regard to an identical rule previously may be accepted in regard to this rule also. Accordingly, I move—

> 'Add *the following words in continuation of item* (*i*) :—
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> " *where such motion has not been made as an amendment to a motion made by a member in charge that the Bill be taken into consideration* ".' "

The amendment was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 136 as amended do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

The motion was carried and the rule as amended was approved.

Rule 137 was approved.

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*Rule* 138.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 138 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, I move the following amendment :—

'*In sub-rule* (3) for *the ratio* " 2 : 1 ", substitute *the ratio* " 4 : 1 ".' "

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" I second the amendment, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

'In sub-rule (3) *for* the ratio " 2 : 1 ", *substitute* the ratio " 4 : 1 ".' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASWAMI AYYANGAR :—" Sir, I move the following amendment :—

'*In sub-rule* (5), for *the words* " *be equal* ", substitute *the words* " *be equally divided* ".'

" Sir, the expression used in the sub-rule is 'if the votes . . . be equal.' As it is, it has no meaning. If it is stated 'if the votes for and against be equal' or 'if the votes be equally divided', then there is meaning in it. No doubt, we can understand from the context what is sought to be expressed. But, that is quite a different thing. We should be clear in the use of expressions when we frame rules and laws. Therefore, I suggest that for the words 'if the votes . . . be equal' the words 'if the votes . . . be equally divided' may be substituted. In the alternative, the words 'if the votes for and against . . . be equal' may be used."

SRI N. RAJAGOPAL :—" I second the amendment, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

'In sub-rule (5), *for* the words " be equal ", *substitute* the words " be equally divided ".' "

* SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" I am suggesting by means of my amendment that the representation of Members of the Assembly and the Council on the Joint Select Committee may be in proportion to the strength of each House. I suggest that no special privilege need be given to the Council."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I won't be able to accept the amendment of the hon. Member Sri Gopalan Unni. When we refer a Bill to a Joint Select Committee, there should be fair representation for the other House on the Committee. Representation on the Committee is not given on the basis of the strength of the House. The other House also should be properly represented on the Committee. Therefore, the proportion of 2 : 1 has been fixed.

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" With reference to the amendment of the hon. Member Sri Krishnaswamy Ayyangar, I want to say that the votes 'on a question' can only be for and against it. The use of the expression 'on a question' immediately after the word 'votes' makes this clear. Therefore no change in the expression is necessary."

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" There is a lacuna in the sub-rule. The words 'for and against' should be there."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Votes can be only for and against a motion."

The amendment of Sri P. S. Krishnasamy Ayyangar was, by leave, withdrawn.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall put the amendment of the hon. Member Sri Gopalan Unni to the vote of the House. The question is—

'In sub-rule (3) *for* the ratio " 2 : 1 ", *substitute* the ratio " 4 :1 ".' "

The amendment was put and lost.

Rule 138 was approved.

Rules 139 to 143 were approved.

*Rule* **144.**

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 144 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Sir, I move the following amendment :—

'*In the proviso, after the words " department concerned " occurring in line* 2, insert *the words " and the Leader of the Opposition* ".'

" I feel, Sir, that the Leader of the Opposition also must have a status which must be recognized in the rule itself."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" I second the amendment, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

'In the proviso, after the words " department concerned " occurring in line 2, *insert* the words " and the Leader of the Opposition ".' "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is a matter concerning a member and the Minister of the department concerned. I do not think the Leader of the Opposition comes into the picture. If at all the Leader of the Opposition should come into the picture it may be somewhere else."

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Sri S. Ramalingam :—" I suggest that the period of notice may be reduced from 15 days to 10 days."

The amendment of Sri Gopalan Unni was, by leave, withdrawn.

Sri M. Kalyanasundram :—" May I request the Hon. Leader of the House to consider the suggestion made by my hon. Friend Sri Ramalingam to reduce the period of notice to 10 days? "

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" It is easy enough to ask for reduction of the period of notice. But when a Resolution is given notice of, all the formalities will have to be gone through before it comes up before the House. First, it will have to go through the department concerned and then to the Minister. In some cases, it will have to go before the Cabinet so that the attitude of the Government may be known. In all such cases, even 15 days' time is too short. If necessary, we would like to increase the period to three weeks."

* Sri S. Ramalingam :—" Generally, when a Resolution given notice of by us comes up before the Assembly, the attitude of the Government has always been to reject it."

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" If the hon. Member wants that attitude to be adopted every time, I have no objection."

* Sri S. Ramalingam :—" I do not think there will be any difficulty in agreeing to my suggestion though I have not officially given notice of an amendment."

Rule 144 was approved.

Rule 145 was approved.

*Rule* 146.

Mr. Speaker :—" The question is—

' That Rule 146 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar :—" Sir, I move the following amendment :—

' Add *at the end of sub-rule* (2) *the words " unless it has been authorized in writing, to be moved by another member and the fact intimated to the Speaker* ".' "

Sri C. H. Kanaran :—" I second the amendment, Sir."

Mr. Speaker :—" Amendment moved—

' *Add* at the end of sub-rule (2) the words " unless it has been authorized in writing to be moved by another member and the fact intimated to the Speaker ".' "

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SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, I move the following amendment :—

' *In sub-rule* (3), omit *the words* " *of this rule* " *occurring in line* 3.' "

SRI N. RAJAGOPAL :—" I second the amendment, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

' In sub-rule (3), *omit* the words " of this rule " occurring in line 3.' "

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, my amendment only seeks to provide for a procedure which we are already observing in practice. On the last occasion, a Resolution standing in the name of my hon. Friend, Sri Gopalakrishnan, came up for discussion here; but, unfortunately, he was not present. Therefore, some technical objection was raised to another Member moving the Resolution given notice of by him. In the circumstances the Speaker had to take the consent of the House to allow another hon. Member to move that Resolution.

" Now, with regard to rule 93, we have agreed that if the Mover of a Bill is absent, any other member may, if authorized in writing by such Member, be permitted to proceed with the Bill. In my amendment to the present rule, I am only making it clear that the Speaker should be intimated about the authorization of another Member to move a Resolution given notice of by a Member."

MR. SPEAKER :—" According to the amendment, only a Member authorized by the Member who has given notice of a Resolution can move it in the absence of the latter. But the provision in the existing rule is much wider."

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I am afraid the amendment restricts the right given by the rule. Suppose a Resolution is to come before the House, the Member who has given notice of it, let us take it, is not inclined to move it for some reason or other. It may be that it relates to a very important subject. Then, according to the present rule, the House is given the right to decide whether it should be moved or not. Therefore, the present provision is much wider than what is sought to be introduced by the amendment."

The amendment of Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar was, by leave, withdrawn.

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASWAMI AYYANGAR :—" Sir, when a sub-rule of a particular rule refers to another sub-rule of the same rule, we do not usually refer to it as ' sub-rule . . . of this rule.' For instance, when sub-rule (3) of a particular rule refers

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to sub-rule (1) of the same rule, we simply refer to it as 'sub-rule (1).' But when a sub-rule of a particular rule refers to a sub-rule of another rule, then we refer to it as 'sub-rule . . . of rule . . .' In this rule, sub-rules (1) and (2) of the same rule are referred to in sub-rule (3). But the expression used is '. . . of this rule'. That expression is not proper. To be clear, it is stated in sub-rule (3) of this rule—

'It shall be open to the Assembly to allow a resolution withdrawn under clause (a) of sub-rule (1), or deemed to have been withdrawn under sub-rule (2) of this rule . . .'

If the expression 'of this rule' is removed from the above sub-rule, even then 'sub-rule (1)' and 'sub-rule (2)' will mean sub-rule (1) and sub-rule (2) respectively, of this rule. Therefore the expression 'of this rule' is unnecessary and superfluous, and it is not usual in legislative enactments to use that expression when sub-rules of the same rule are referred to."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Sir, from the construction and grammatical point of view, leave alone whether it is usual or not, the present rule is properly worded. It will govern both sub-rule (1) and sub-rule (2). This is what the rule says: '. . . withdrawn under clause (*a*) of sub-rule (1) or deemed to have been withdrawn under sub-rule (2) of this rule.' As it covers both, I think both grammatically and from the construction point of view, the present wording is correct. Therefore there is nothing wrong in leaving it as it is." 3-40 p.m.

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—"It is not about grammar that I am taking objection. As it is not usual to have the words 'of this rule' in any other enactment, I have suggested the omission of these words and I do not know why the Hon. Leader of the House should persist in retaining those words. If, however, he is not prepared to accept my amendment, I agree to withdraw my amendment."

The amendment of Sri P. S. Krishnasamy Ayyangar was, by leave, withdrawn.

Rules 146 to 151 were approved.

*Rule* 152.

MR. SPEAKER :—"The question is—

'That Rule 152 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.'

"I think hon. Member Sri Gopalan Unni has given notice of an amendment to this rule."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Sir, the same change viz., the addition of the words 'and the Business Advisory Committee', that we have already made in Rule 5 may be made in this case also. I formally move—

'*In sub-rule* (2), after *the words* "*Leader of the House*" add *the words* "*and the Business Advisory Committee*".'"

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Hitherto I used to consult the various Party Leaders regarding the dates for the discussion of the Budget. The question is—

'In sub-rule (2), after the words "Leader of the House" *add* the words "and the Business Advisory Committee".' "

The amendment was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 152 as amended do stand part of Madras Assembly Rules.' "

The motion was carried and the rule as amended was approved.

*Rule* 153.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 153 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Sir, I move—

'*In sub-rule* (3), *add at the end the words "Provided however that such time-limit shall not be less than fifteen minutes".*'

My object in moving this amendment is this. During the Budget discussion, it is very necessary that every hon. Member who wants to speak and who is permitted to do so by the Hon. Speaker, must be given at least 15 minutes. If the Members are not given at least 15 minutes it becomes a farce. Now, what happens is this. Sometimes, on account of pressure of work, especially towards the end of the Budget discussion, the Members' time is restricted to 5 minutes."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Usually, after the first two or three days of the Budget discussion, there is too much of repetition."

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" That is true. But we must consider the mental satisfaction of the hon. Members also. Members coming all the way from their districts naturally want to say a few things about their own constituencies. Having taken all the trouble of fighting the elections and being elected to the Assembly they naturally desire to get some good chances to speak on the floor of the Assembly. It is only during the Budget discussion that they can ventilate their grievances and formulate the requirements of their constituencies. If we do not give at least 15 minutes for them for this purpose, they will feel disappointed. Let them not be given any chance to speak at all if there is no time but if they are given a chance to speak, it should be for not less than 15 minutes. It is not my intention that everyone must be allowed to speak. My only point is that those who are given a chance to speak must have at least 15 minutes. Otherwise, they cannot do full justice to their constituencies."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Is it possible for all the hon. Members to take part in the discussion? The hon. Member, I am sure, is aware that there are 231 Members in this House. Barring the Speaker and the Ministers, there are about 220 Members. It is not possible to allow all of them to take part in the Budget discussion. Of course, I know their difficulty. But they must also realize the difficulty of the Chair in this respect. My experience is this. I allow even half an hour for the hon. Members who speak on the first two or three days. As we proceed with the discussion, there is too much of repetition. Even the Members will have very little to speak. That is the trouble."

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" What I wish to say is that there should be a certain amount of uniformity even in rationing, just as there was uniformity even when certain articles of food were rationed in times of distress. Let there be no invidious distinction between one Member who has been able to catch the eye of the Speaker earlier and another who was not able to catch his eye."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If a Member wants to speak for a longer time, he can very well speak on the first or second day."

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" My only wish is that every Member should have an equal opportunity and everyone should be equally treated. I am not very keen in pressing my amendment. I will be satisfied if in actual practice everyone who wants to speak especially during the Budget discussion is given equal opportunities."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member must appreciate the difficulties of the Chair also in this respect. When a large number of Members wish to take part in the discussion, the Chair has necessarily to use its discretion in cutting short the duration of the Members' speech at some stage or other."

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" I don't say that everybody must be allowed to speak. I only want that those who are allowed to speak must get a minimum of 15 minutes each. In other words, let each one of the Members who is allowed to speak be allowed to have a full meal. If this is not possible let them not be given any meal at all. Having permitted a Member to rise and speak, it is not good to cut short his speech within 5 minutes."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I thought that instead of giving a full meal for 10 people, it is better to give half a meal for 20 people." (Laughter.)

* DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, I think during the Budget discussion, the time-limit is reduced to even 5 minutes. I request that this may be avoided. I am not saying that any amendment should be introduced here for this purpose. I only want to suggest that it is better if the hon. Members are given more time."

MR. SPEAKER :—" When there are too many speakers, the Chair is forced to restrict the time-limit to 5 minutes, especially on the last day of the debate. Such of the Members who wish to take part in the discussion and who want to speak for a longer time, may very well do so on the first or second day of the discussion. My experience is that on the first day, as nobody comes prepared, many Members do not want to speak on that day. So, I have given half an hour and even 45 minutes for some Members who spoke on the first day. That is why I say that the hands of the Speaker need not be tied down in this way. Let him use his discretion."

Rule 153 was approved.

*Rule* 154.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 154 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *In sub-rule* (1), *after the words* " *Leader of the House* " add *the words* " *and the Business Advisory Committee* ".' "

The amendment was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 154, as amended, do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

Rule 154, as amended, was approved.

*Rule* 155.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 155 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" Sir, I move the following amendment standing in my name :—

' *After sub-rule* (4), insert *the following proviso* :—

" *Provided that the Minister-in-charge of the Demand shall in the course of the discussion indicate what Government have to say on the points raised in the motions and in cases where he is not, for any reason, able to do so on the floor of the House, shall communicate to Members responsible for the said motions the remarks which Government would offer on those motions.*" '

My only object in moving this amendment is to see that those hon. Members who move cut motions have opportunities of knowing the views or reaction of the Government with regard to the

specific points raised in their cut motions. What happens to-day is that many of the points raised in cut motions are not even mentioned by the Hon. Ministers in their reply. The result is that the attitude or reaction of the Government to the points raised in their cut motions is not known to the Members who moved those cut motions. I am moving this amendment only for getting an opportunity of knowing the mind of the Government or the reaction of the Government to the points raised in cut motions. If the Government's reaction to those points could be given at the time of the Hon. Ministers' reply, it may be done. Otherwise a reply may be communicated to the concerned Member. There were many occasions when Members tried to get the reaction of the Government to the various matters raised by them. When one such matter was brought to the notice of the Hon. Speaker, he was pleased to say that this matter might be raised at the time when the Assembly Rules were amended. That is why I have moved this amendment, Sir."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, I fully endorse what all has been said by the hon. Member Sri Seethi Sahib and second the amendment moved by him."

* SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, in supporting the amendment moved by Sri Seethi Sahib, I have to add that the object of giving notice of cut motions is to draw the attention of the Government to certain grievances of the people of the district or the constituency which a Member represents. In this way only certain pressing needs of the various constituencies may be brought to the notice of the Government. Many of the hon. Members do not get a chance to move their cut motions and only a few get the chance. In the year 1952 as the Secretary of the Muslim League Legislature Party, I had to address the Ministers concerned to get some reply to the points raised in the cut motions given notice of by our party. But in a communication from the Government Chief Secretariat I was informed that it is not the practice to send such replies or memos.

" The only information that hon. Members are able to get now in respect of the cut motions given notice of by them is that which is given to them by the Hon. Ministers in their reply speeches made on the floor of this House. In their replies Hon. Ministers cover only a few points and in respect of other matters raised in the various other cut motions the hon. Members do not get any information. I addressed a letter to the Hon. Speaker in this connection. In reply to that letter as was pointed out by the hon. Member, Sri Seethi Sahib, the Hon. Speaker was good enough to inform me that the question of replying to points raised in cut motions moved by hon. Members would be taken up when the Rules Committee met. I also approached certain hon. Members of the Rules Committee in this connexion including Sri Narayana Kurup of Ottapalam. In the Rules as finally approved by the Committee there is no amendment to enable Members to

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get information on points raised in their cut motions. Therefore, I would request the Government and also request the House to accept the amendment."

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Sir, our Assembly is a deliberative Assembly and I do not know how the Government can be directed to presuppose the judgment or decision of the Assembly and give informations as soon as cut motions are moved or given notice of . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member wants information to be sent after the debate is over."

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" The amendment states—

'Provided that the Minister-in-charge of the Demand shall in the course of the discussion indicate what Government have to say on the points raised in the motions and in cases where he is not, for any reason, able to do so on the floor of the House, shall communicate to member responsible for the said motions the remarks which Government would offer on those motions.'

Sir, it is not fair to ask the Members of the Government to commit themselves in a particular way. They will be guided by the speeches and opinions given in the Assembly during the debate and therefore to fetter . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has not understood the position. Supposing 5 or 6 points were raised in the cut motion given notice of by a Member and the Minister in reply covered only one or two. The hon. Member who has moved this amendment wants that the replies to the other points should be communicated to him later."

* SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, even in the Lok Sabha when cut motions are given notice of by Members all of them are not replied directly in the House. Replies relating to these cut motions or the action taken by the Government in respect of those cut motions are sent to the members direct. This enables the Members to know what had happened to their cut motions and to see whether proper action has been taken by the Government or not. The suggestion made by the hon. Member who moved the amendment is a very good one. Whether the Government are willing to incorporate the amendment in the Rules or not let them at least adopt the procedure followed by the Lok Sabha in practice."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the hon. Member Sri Seethi Sahib should have fully considered the difficulties of the Hon. Ministers in complying with the request contained in the amendment moved by him . . . Somebody seems to be meddling with my mike."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Nobody. It is the hon. Member Sri Narayanan Nambiar that is meddling with it."

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* Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" That is why in the second part of his amendment he has made a request that Government should communicate to the Member concerned the remarks the Government would have made on those cut motions. As a matter of fact last time I myself gave notice of about 27 or 28 cut motions. No Hon. Minister can reply to all the points raised by hon. Members in their cut motions. That is why the mover of the amendment requests that if it is not possible for the Hon. Minister to reply to all the points he should say so in the House and then communicate the views or remarks of the Government on the other points to the hon. Members concerned. The request made is quite in order. It will be helpful to all hon. Members. Otherwise what is the earthly use of our giving notice of so many cut motions and resolutions without knowing what the Government have done about them? This is a very important matter and therefore I fully endorse the views expressed by the hon. Member Sri Seethi Sahib and request the Hon. the Leader of the House to accept his amendment."

* Sri K. UPPI :—" Sir, generally the Government will be prepared at the time of the discussion of the Budget, with replies to points raised by various hon. Members in their cut motions. All that we ask is this. Though Hon. Ministers of the Government may not be able to refer to all the points raised in the cut motions during the reply to the debate yet the replies will be there prepared by the Secretaries to Government. Those replies may be communicated to hon. Members. That is all what we ask and nothing more. There is no extra work involved in this. The work would have been done already. Some of the cut motions given notice of by hon. Members are very important so far as the constituency is concerned and sometimes from the point of view of general interest also. Unfortunately for want of time, we might have been able to discuss them and no opportunity is afforded for the Hon. Ministers to reply to those points. Therefore, I strongly support the amendment."

* Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have not been able to follow all the discussion that took place just now. My experience is this. Members give notice of cut motions and we have replies to those cut motions ready with us. But when we come to this House those who give cut motions do not at all speak. Somebody else speaks and some others object. So Hon. Ministers may not have a chance of replying to the cut motions. To me the only remedy seems to be, those who make the cut motions should make the speech and then the Hon. Minister will be able to give the answer to the points raised by the mover of the cut motion."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Then there will be lot of cut motions given notice of by hon. Members. That difficulty also we have experienced."

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* Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Otherwise, Sir, while one hon. Member gives notice of the cut motion, another hon. Member will speak on some other subject and the Hon. Ministers are put to difficulties because they will not be able to answer the points raised by Members. It cannot be solved unless the hon. Member who gives notice of the cut motion alone is made to speak . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It is not possible to accept the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, we are asked to give notice of cut motions very early on the ground that the departments have to collect facts to reply to the issues raised. Therefore sufficient time is given initially and afterwards also for the departments to prepare the replies. Only one or two demands are taken every day. Therefore, if the Government are so minded it is up to them to collect facts to reply for the cut motions. Now it is agreed that there will be a number of cut motions. It is left to the hon. Member to assort the cut motions of similar sort so that if the Hon. Minister replies to one question he can substantially cover the whole ground. If the cut motions are assorted like that, the large number of points raised may perhaps be considerably reduced. Therefore, I think it will be a very good convention if points raised are not directly answered in this House but replies sent to those members direct."

* Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" I am glad, Sir, that at least on one occasion the hon. Member belonging to the Muslim League Party has made a proposal which we are all supporting. Sir, the difficulties of the Hon. Ministers were explained fully. If these proposals are accepted, the Hon. Ministers will be considerably helped."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It will help the Chair also. In England, for instance, instead of putting the question to the Hon. Minister, they write to Government direct and get answers. The Committee on Procedure in England recommended that as far as possible this should be encouraged, that is, members should be allowed to write to Government and get replies."

* Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" I am glad you are also seeing the point. It is so reasonable that it should be accepted by the Hon. the Leader of the House. The number of questions will be reduced, cut motions will be reduced and so on. If necessary, the departmental officers may be asked to be present here at the time of the debate so that they can understand the criticisms and be able to send replies. It may mean some more work for the officers but in the long run it will be helpful even for the smooth running of the departments. So, I would request the Hon. the Leader of the House to accept this proposal and incorporate it in the rule itself so that it will be honoured more, Sir."

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* Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, there is one more argument in favour of the amendment. From the speech of the hon. Member Dr. U. Krishna Rao, it is clear that the Government come prepared with replies to points raised in the cut motions. The only difficulty is that they do not get an opportunity for expressing them. If they do not get an opportunity to express their opinions on the cut motions, they can very well send them to the hon. Members who move the cut motions. I hope the Hon. Leader of the House will accept this amendment." 4 p.m.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" These are my difficulties : First of all, hon Members seem to think that departments prepare answers for the various points raised by hon. Members and the Minister has got only to repeat them. Of course, departments give all the facts but the question what facts should be referred and how they should be referred to will have to be decided by the Minister. Simply because there is a note put forward by the department, it does not mean that it could be forwarded to each hon. Member, by saying, ' here is the departmental note '. Unfortunately, if we do it, that will be committing the Government too much, and the Minister must be prepared to take up responsibility for the statements sent to hon. Members. Therefore, it is not possible to do such a thing. There is also another difficulty. After all, the cut motions are not pointed to a particular issue alone. They say, ' reduce it by Rs. 100 to consider economy in the department or to consider policy or general things like that '. Very many points may be touched upon during the debate and the Minister may consider one or two points to be important and which need an answer. He answers them and does not think it necessary to touch upon other points because according to him, they are of minor importance. If this amendment is accepted, then the Minister will have to reply to all the points—whether major or minor, whether important or not important—which have been mentioned. Therefore, I would rather suggest that, instead of being put in the rules, we could have a convention that whenever an important point is raised and for want of time a particular Minister is unable to reply to it, a demand may be made by the hon. Member who raised it that he may be given a reply in writing. After all, Sir, we should be governed by what has happened in the House and not by what has not happened in the House or not discussed in the House. Therefore, let us arrive at a healthy convention by which the Ministers will undertake to give replies to hon. Members whenever important points have been left unanswered on the floor of the House. That would be better rather than putting it in the rules. Also, we cannot put in the rules, what points should be answered and what points should not be answered. Therefore, I would request Messrs. Uppi and Seethi Sahib to withdraw the amendment."

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" What is the procedure obtaining in the Lok Sabha? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not know it."

* SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" As the Hon. Leader of the House has assured us that a healthy convention in regard to points raised in the cut motions can be arrived at and an attempt will be made in that direction and he will satisfy the demands of hon. Members by replying to the points raised in their cut motions which could not be answered for want of time or other reasons, I do not propose to press the amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope the House gives permission to the hon. Member to withdraw his amendment."

(At this stage there were cries of ' No, no ' from the Opposition Benches.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" If the House does not give permission, I will have to put the amendment to the vote of the House. I am putting to the vote of the House. The question is—

' After sub-rule (4), *insert* the following proviso :—

" Provided that the Minister-in-charge of the Demand shall in the course of the discussion indicate what Government have to say on the points raised in the motions and in cases where he is not, for any reason, able to do so on the floor of the House, shall communicate to members responsible for the said motions the remarks which Government would offer on those motions." ' "

The amendment was lost.

MR. SPEAKER :—" It would be well if the Government make it a point to reply to such unanswered points. Just as we are going through the Rules, in England also there was a Committee appointed to go through the Rules. That Committee made the following recommendations with regard to questions not put down for oral answer :—

' Undoubtedly the volume of questions put down for oral answer is to some extent attributable to the uncertainty of written answers. If members could be assured that they would get a written answer within a reasonable time, they would be encouraged to make more use of the question for written answer and so relieve the pressure of oral questions. Your Committee therefore recommend that a written answer should be given within seven days after the appearance of the question on the paper. It would also help to reduce the number of questions, oral and written if departments made it a rule to answer letters from Members within a fortnight.'

Here also, if we allow hon. Members to communicate with the departments to get answers, there will be few questions."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do agree. but unfortunately we want publicity for certain things. If we merely send an answer, it would not appear in the papers and the public would not be interested in it. In order to focus the attention of the public also, questions are put here so that they may appear

in the papers also and the public may know about them. Unless we say that answers to questions should not be published in the papers, this procedure should not be adopted by hon. Members. If hon. Members write to various departments, I am prepared to ask the departments to reply to them. As a matter of fact, even now if a letter is received from an hon. Member, it goes to the concerned department and then it is put up for orders of the Minister concerned, whether a specific reply should be sent or not. Wherever a reply is to be sent, the Minister says that a reply may be sent and wherever he says a reply is not necessary, it may not be sent. It is only under the orders of the Government that a communication is either sent or not sent. Therefore, hon. Members should not be under the impression that we do not consider these things. We do consider these things. If they do not receive any communication from the concerned Minister, it is because he thinks that, in the circumstances of the case, no reply is necessary and it is merely a waste of time to give a reply which will be quite useless. That is how we are doing it. I do not think that even if we adopt that procedure here, the number of starred questions will be reduced. It is bound to increase."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If the letter is allowed to be published in the papers, then it will be all right."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. the Leader of the House is under the impression that our glorious Press in the State are not so responsible or do not possess a spirit of service. My submission is that our Press are so good that they are always publishing important communications from the Government concerning the people and they are given wide publicity. It is not as if only those things which are stated on the floor of this House are published in the papers. I think, the Hon. Leader of the House is misinformed in respect of this matter."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" My point is this. From the public point of view, what happens in the Assembly is more important than what happens outside. What happens inside the Assembly attracts greater attention. That is why I was saying that even from the publicity point of view, even from the point of view of the Press, what happens here inside this House is more important than a private communication from a Member of the House to a Minister of the Government." 4-10 p.m.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" It is just the other way about. We do not get replies from the Government to communications sent even within six months and sometimes it takes even a year. That has been the fate of a few communications that I have sent. The assumption that we put questions to get publicity is wrong, as the Hon. Minister put it . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am not saying so. I read only from the report of the Select Committee on Procedure issued by the House of Commons . . ."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" If the practice followed in England is adopted here also, the number of questions put will considerably go down."

* SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" The Hon. the Leader of the House stated that we were putting questions from a publicity point of view . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I did not put it in that way. I put it in a different way altogether. But if the hon. Member puts it in that way, I do not prevent him from doing so."

* SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" To many letters addressed to the Government we receive replies from the Secretaries to Government acknowledging receipt of the letters and saying that the matters referred to in them are receiving the attention of the Government. Afterwards, we do not receive any letters from the Government as to what further action has been taken by the Government on the various matters referred to in our original letters. So, we are compelled to raise interpellations on the floor of the House on those subjects. If things are done properly, if the Government are able to send replies to questions put to them that such and such an action is being taken by them on the subjects referred to in the questions, we will not put questions on those subjects again on the floor of the House."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, sub-rule (2) of rule 155 is very restrictive. According to that sub-rule, no motion shall be made which will have the effect of increasing or altering the destination of the demand . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are discussing a constitutional point and that has nothing to do with the sub-rule."

Rule 155 was approved.

Rules 156 to 163 were approved.

*Rule* 164.

MR. SPEAKER :—" May I know whether hon. Member Sri C. H. Kanaran is moving the amendment he has given notice of? "

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" I am not moving it."

Rule 164 was approved.

Rule 165 was approved.

*Rule* 166.

MR. SPEAKER :—" May I know whether hon. Member Sri P. S. Krishnasamy Ayyangar is moving the amendment he has given notice of? "

SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" I am not moving it."

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Rule 166 was approved.

Rules 167 to 171 were approved.

*Rule* 172.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan who has given notice of an amendment is not in his place. The amendment is deemed to have been withdrawn."

Rule 172 was approved.

Rule 173 was approved.

*Rule* 174.

MR. SPEAKER :—" May I know whether the hon. Member Sri P. S. Krishnasamy Ayyangar is moving the amendment he has given notice of? "

SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" I am not moving the amendment."

Rule 174 was approved.

*Rule* 175.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan who has given notice of an amendment is not in his place. The amendment is deemed to have been withdrawn."

Rule 175 was approved.

Rules 176 to 187 were approved.

*Rule* 188.

MR. SPEAKER :—" May I know whether the hon. Member Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni is moving the amendment he has given notice of? "

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" I am not moving the amendment."

Rule 188 was approved.

Rules 189 to 195 were approved.

*Rule* 196.

MR. SPEAKER :—" May I know whether the hon. Member Sri K. C. Kopalan Unni is moving his amendment? "

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" I am not moving it."

Rule 196 was approved.

Rules 197 and 198 were approved.

*Rule* 199.

MR. SPEAKER :—" May I know whether the hon. Member Sri P. S. Krishnasamy Ayyangar is moving his amendment? "

SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" I am not moving it."

Rule 199 was approved.

Rules 200 to 206 were approved.

*Rule* 207.

MR. SPEAKER :—" May I know whether the hon. Member K. C. Gopalan Unni is moving the amendment he has given notice of? "

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" I am not moving it. But I may request the Government to see that the strength of the Committee is increased from 7 to 15."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It should be a small Committee. Otherwise, it will become pointless to have a committee."

Rule 207 was approved.

Rule 208 was approved.

*Rule* 209.

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" I am not moving the amendment I have given notice of."

Rule 209 was approved.

*Rule* 210.

SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" I am not moving the amendment I have given notice of."

Rule 210 was approved.

Rules 211 to 213 were approved.

*Rule* 214.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 214 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" I beg to move the following amendment :—

'*After rule* 214, insert *the following as new rule* 214-*A* :—

" 214-*A*. *Every Committee shall meet immediately after it is constituted and thereafter as often as may be necessary. Each Committee shall maintain a separate*

*minutes book in which shall be recorded the substance of the proceedings of each meeting. The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the Chairman or the presiding member. The Committee shall submit a report at the end of each financial year which shall be printed and placed on the table of the House.'' ' ''*

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I have great pleasure in seconding the amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

' After rule 214, *insert* the following as new rule 214-A :—

" 214-A. Every Committee shall meet immediately after it is constituted and thereafter as often as may be necessary. Each Committee shall maintain a separate minutes book in which shall be recorded the substance of the proceedings of each meeting. The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the Chairman or the presiding member. The Committee shall submit a report at the end of each financial year which shall be printed and placed on the table of the House." ' "

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" The object of the amendment is to see that every Committee should have a minutes book in which shall be recorded the substance of the proceedings of each meeting. I have the privilege of being a member of the Privileges Committee; but as that Committee has never met, I do not have even the privilege of knowing who my colleagues in that Committee are. Once a Committee is formed, I want that it should meet at least once and that it should have a minutes book to record therein what the Committee has done at its meetings. This will enable the successors to know what their predecessors have done. Now, what happens is this. There is no minutes book, and there is no meeting of committees also. There should be a minutes book maintained for each Committee so that even if it has no occasion to discuss any question, still there will be continuity of record. The maintenance of a minutes book will enable members who have been subsequently elected to these committees to know how their predecessors have dealt with the different subjects brought to their notice. That is the object of my amendment."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I agree with the principle of the amendment. But, let there be no specific rule made in this behalf. I am sure every Committee will take into consideration what the hon. Member has stated and will have some minutes book to maintain so that the succeeding members may be able to follow the procedure correctly."

* SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" In view of the assurance of the Hon. Minister, I am withdrawing the amendment I have moved."

The amendment was, by leave, withdrawn.

Rule 214 was approved.

Rules 215 to 219 were approved.

*Rule* 220.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That Rule 220 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" I beg to move the following amendment :—

'*After rule* 220, add *the following new rules* :—

" 1. *At the commencement of the House, a Committee of not more than fifteen members shall be elected on the principle of proportional representation called the Committee on Petitions.*

2. *The Speaker shall frame rules in this behalf.*

3. *The Committee shall hold office for one year or until a new Committee is elected.*

4. *Casual vacancies shall be filled as soon as possible after they occur in the manner prescribed in rule* 2 *and any person elected to fill such a vacancy shall hold office for so long as the person in whose place he is elected would have held office.*

5. *The Chairman of the Committee shall be nominated by the Speaker from amongst the members of the Committee. The person so nominated shall preside at the meetings of the Committee and in his absence one of the members of the Committee elected by the Committee shall preside.*

6. *In order to constitute a meeting of the Committee the quorum shall be five including the Chairman.*

7. *In the case of an equality of votes on any matter the Chairman shall have a second or a casting vote.*

8. *Every petition after presentation by a member shall be referred to the Committee.*

9. *The Committee shall examine every petition referred to it and if the petition complies with these rules the Committee may direct that it be circulated. Where the circulation of the petition is not directed, the Speaker may, at any time, direct that the petition be circulated.*

10. *Circulation of the petition shall be in extenso or of a summary thereof as the Committee may direct.*

11. *It shall also be the duty of the Committee to report to the House on specific complaints made in the petition and referred to it after taking such evidence as it deems*

*fit and to suggest remedial measures either in a concrete form applicable to the case under review or to prevent such cases in future.*

12. *The Committee shall have power to require the attendance of persons for the production of papers or records if such a course is considered necessary for the discharge of its duties :*

*Provided that if any question arises whether the evidence of a person or the production of a document is relevant for the purposes of the Committee, it shall be referred to the Speaker whose decision shall be final :*

*Provided further that the Government may decline to produce a document on the ground that its disclosure would be prejudicial to the safety or interest of the State.*

13. *Subject to the provision of the above rule, a witness may be summoned by an order signed by the Chairman of the Committee who shall produce such documents as are required for the use of the Committee.*

14. *It shall be in the discretion of the Committee to treat any evidence tendered before it as secret or confidential.*

15. *No document submitted to the Committee shall be withdrawn or altered without the knowledge and approval of the Committee.*

16. *The report of the Committee shall be signed and presented to the House by the Chairman of the Committee on behalf of the Committee :*

*Provided that in case the Chairman is absent or is not readily available the Committee shall choose another member to sign and present a report on behalf of the Committee.*

17. *In other respects the Committee shall follow the same procedure as a Select Committee of the Assembly." '*

" I wish to point out that a similar Committee on Petitions is constituted in the Lok Sabha. A Committee on Petitions is very necessary because several petitions are presented to the Government and we do not know what happens to those petitions. There have been occasions when many memoranda signed by thousands of people—on one occasion it was signed by more than a lakh of people—were submitted and we, members, do not know what happened to those memoranda. Therefore, it is very necessary that a Committee on Petitions should be constituted to go into the petitions presented in this House and recommend suitable action."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is it copied from the rules of the Lok Sabha? "

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* SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" The amendment I have moved has been copied, word for word, from the Lok Sabha Rules. I hope the House will accept the proposal to constitute a Committee on Petitions."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" I second the amendment."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Amendment moved—

' After rule 220, *add* the following new rules :—

" 1. At the commencement of the House, a Committee of not more than fifteen members shall be elected on the principle of proportional representation called the Committee on Petitions.

2. The Speaker shall frame rules in this behalf.

3. The Committee shall hold office for one year or until a new Committee is elected.

4. Casual vacancies shall be filled as soon as possible after they occur in the manner prescribed in rule 2 and any person elected to fill such a vacancy shall hold office for so long as the person in whose place he is elected would have held office.

5. The Chairman of the Committee shall be nominated by the Speaker from amongst the members of the Committee. The person so nominated shall preside at the meetings of the Committee and in his absence one of the members of the Committee elected by the Committee shall preside.

6. In order to constitute a meeting of the Committee the quorum shall be five including the Chairman.

7. In the case of an equality of votes on any matter the Chairman shall have a second or a casting vote.

8. Every petition after presentation by a member shall be referred to the Committee.

9. The Committee shall examine every petition referred to it and if the petition complies with these rules the Committee may direct that it be circulated. Where the circulation of the petition is not directed, the Speaker may, at any time, direct that the petition be circulated.

10. Circulation of the petition shall be in extenso or of a summary thereof as the Committee may direct.

11. It shall also be the duty of the Committee to report to the House on specific complaints made in the petition and referred to it after taking such evidence as it deems fit and to suggest remedial measures either in a concrete form applicable to the case under review or to prevent such cases in future.

12. The Committee shall have power to require the attendance of persons for the production of papers or records if such a course is considered necessary for the discharge of its duties :

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Provided that if any question arises whether the evidence of a person or the production of a document is relevant for the purposes of the Committee, it shall be referred to the Speaker whose decision shall be final :

Provided further that the Government may decline to produce a document on the ground that its disclosure would be prejudicial to the safety or interest of the State.

13. Subject to the provision of the above rule, a witness may be summoned by an order signed by the Chairman of the Committee who shall produce such documents as are required for the use of the Committee.

14. It shall be in the discretion of the Committee to treat any evidence tendered before it as secret or confidential.

15. No document submitted to the Committee shall be withdrawn or altered without the knowledge and approval of the Committee :

16. The report of the Committee shall be signed and presented to the House by the Chairman of the Committee on behalf of the Committee :

Provided that in case the Chairman is absent or is not readily available the Committee shall choose another member to sign and present a report on behalf of the Committee.

17. In other respects the Committee shall follow the same procedure as a Select Committee of the Assembly.'' ' ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not accept the amendment for the same reasons for which I was not prepared to accept it in the Select Committee. There will not be sufficient work for the Committee and, if necessary, the Legislature Secretariat will certainly look into the matter and put forward whatever suggestion is necessary."

* SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, in the Lok Sabha there is a Committee like that, namely, the Petitions Committee. We have adopted so many things from the Rules of the Lok Sabha. But I do not know the reason why the Hon. the Leader of the House is refusing to accept this. Our grievance has been that many petitions are submitted to the Speaker and we do not even know what happens to them—whether these petitions were examined, whether any action was taken on them and whether any action is proposed to be taken or no action would be taken on them. It is up to the Government to say what they propose to do with the petitions submitted. It is not compulsory that they should take any particular action on them, but they can say what they mean to do with the petitions. I do not think any expenditure is involved in this or any policy or principle which will go against the Government. I therefore suggest that Government may accept this amendment." 4-20 p.m.

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Sri C. H. Kanaran :—" Sir, this is very important for the people of the whole State. In other matters, the Government do not want to put certain things in the rules, but say that they would do this and that and create some conventions. All these arguments are put forward in respect of other things. But this amendment is a very important one because every petition that is coming up here should be looked into and the member presenting it and the House should know what happened to it. That is a very important thing and that is why I request the Government to accept this amendment."

* Sri M. Kalyanasundram :—" Sir, just a few minutes ago, the Hon. the Leader of the House was saying that to people outside, what happened here on the floor of the House was of great importance. Really it is so and that is why people send petitions to be presented to the House. Therefore, when we present petitions, they should not be allowed to go into the bundles of records of the Legislature Secretariat to be consigned to fire after three years or so. That should not be the fate of the petitions presented by hon. Members of the House. That is, I presume, what is happening now. The object of proposing this Committee is that it should study the points raised in the petitions and if there is any justification to send it to the Minister concerned, it should send it in the form of a memorandum just to help the Minister to take suitable further action on those petitions. That is the function of that Committee and the Committee is not a post office to forward petitions; that can be done by your office, Sir. I feel the function of the Committee is very onerous and that is an important Committee. Therefore, I request that it should be accepted by Government and incorporated in our rules."

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" I am sorry, Sir, I do not feel convinced by the arguments put forth by hon. Members. After all when a petition is presented here, certainly the Government will look into it and take necessary action if any important matter is raised in it. I have no doubt about it. Then there is no question of a Committee examining it and making recommendations. The Government themselves will look into the whole matter. So the Committee will be merely a superfluous body and that is why I am opposing it."

Mr. Speaker :—" The question is—

' After rule 220, *add* the following new rules :—

" 1. At the commencement of the House, a Committee of not more than fifteen members shall be elected on the principle of proportional representation called the Committee on Petitions.

2. The Speaker shall frame rules in this behalf.

3. The Committee shall hold office for one year or until a new Committee is elected.

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4. Casual vacancies shall be filled as soon as possible after they occur in the manner prescribed in rule 2 and any person elected to fill such a vacancy shall hold office for so long as the person in whose place he is elected would have held office.

5. The Chairman of the Committee shall be nominated by the Speaker from amongst the members of the Committee. The person so nominated shall preside at the meetings of the Committee and in his absence one of the members of the Committee elected by the Committee shall preside.

6. In order to constitute a meeting of the Committee the quorum shall be five including the Chairman.

7. In the case of an equality of votes on any matter the Chairman shall have a second or a casting vote.

8. Every petition after presentation by a member shall be referred to the Committee.

9. The Committee shall examine every petition referred to it and if the petition complies with these rules the Committee may direct that it be circulated. Where the circulation of the petition is not directed, the Speaker may, at any time, direct that the petition be circulated.

10. Circulation of the petition shall be *in extenso* or of a summary thereof as the Committee may direct.

11. It shall also be the duty of the Committee to report to the House on specific complaints made in the petition and referred to it after taking such evidence as it deems fit and to suggest remedial measures either in a concrete form applicable to the case under review or to prevent such cases in future.

12. The Committee shall have power to require the attendance of persons for the production of papers or records if such a course is considered necessary for the discharge of its duties :

Provided that if any question arises whether the evidence of a person or the production of a document is relevant for the purposes of the Committee, it shall be referred to the Speaker whose decision shall be final :

Provided further that the Government may decline to produce a document on the ground that its disclosure would be prejudicial to the safety or interest of the State.

13. Subject to the provision of the above rule, a witness may be summoned by an order signed by the Chairman of the Committee who shall produce such documents as are required for the use of the Committee.

14. It shall be in the discretion of the Committee to treat any evidence tendered before it as secret or confidential.

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15. No document submitted to the Committee shall be withdrawn or altered without the knowledge and approval of the Committee.

16. The report of the Committee shall be signed and presented to the House by the Chairman of the Committee on behalf of the Committee :

Provided that in case the Chairman is absent or is not readily available the Committee shall choose another member to sign and present a report on behalf of the Committee.

17. In other respects the Committee shall follow the same procedure as a Select Committee of the Assembly.'' ' ''

The amendment was lost.

Rule 220 was approved.

Rule 221 was approved.

*Rule* 222.

Sri N. GOPALA MENON :—" I am not moving the amendment standing in my name, Sir."

Rule 222 was approved.

Rules 223 to 226 were approved.

*Rule* 227.

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 227 do stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

* Sri P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" I move—

' *After the word* " *and* " *occurring in line* 6, insert *the word* " *shall* ".'

" Sir, discretion is given to the Speaker to expunge any undesirable matter from the proceedings."

(As the Hon. Finance Minister was observed near the Chair speaking with Mr. Speaker, the Member stopped his speech.)

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may proceed. We are hearing him and know Ashta-Avadhanam." (Laughter.)

* Sri P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" I want the Hon. Leader of the House to follow what I say.

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" Sir, discretion is given to the Speaker to expunge any undesirable matter from the proceedings of the House. As the rule stands now, discretion is given to him to expunge the matter and also discretion is given to announce that fact to the House. Discretion should be given to the Speaker to expunge an undesirable matter, but when such expunction has been made, it should be obligatory on the part of the Speaker to announce that fact to the House. As it is, the rule says that the Speaker may make an announcement. When discretion is given with regard to expunging of the undesirable matter, it should not be again left to the discretion of the Speaker to announce it or not. That is the gist of my amendment."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" I second the amendment. It only says that the Hon. Speaker after expunging a particular word or words in his discretion, should announce for the information of the House that such and such a portion has been expunged. The amendment may be accepted."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not think that the word ' shall ' in respect of the Speaker will be quite appropriate. Further, the word ' may ' sometimes will have the force of ' shall ' and so when the rule says that the Speaker may make an announcement, it will have the force of ' shall make an announcement '. If we put the word ' shall ' it will look as though we are giving a direction to the Speaker. That is unnecessary, Sir."

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASAMY AYYANGAR :—" No doubt, taken absolutely in a single instance, the word ' may ' may mean ' shall '. But the same word cannot mean ' may ' in one place and in another place in the same section, it cannot have the meaning of ' shall '. Anyhow, if it is conceded that usually the Speaker shall announce the fact of expunction, it will be all right for me."

The amendment was, by leave, withdrawn.

Rule 227 was approved.

Rules 228 and 229 were approved.

*Rule* 230.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan is not in his place. The amendments standing in his name are deemed to have been withdrawn."

Rule 230 was approved.

Rules 231 to 233 were approved.

*Rule* 234.

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" I am not moving my amendment, Sir."

Rule 234 was approved.

Rule 235 was approved.

RULES OF PROCEDURE REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rules 1, 2 and 3 regarding method of communication between the two Houses stand part of the Madras Assembly Rules.' "

The motion was carried and the rules were approved.

*Rule 2 of the Madras Assembly Rules.*

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I request permission of the House to move that Rule 2 which has been approved may be modified in so far as it relates to (*h*) (ii)."

MR. SPEAKER :—" That is the rule regarding definitions. I hope the House gives permission."

With the permission of the House, the rule was re-opened.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I move that—

' *In rule* 2 (*h*) (ii) *for the words* " *who has introduced the Bill* ", substitute " *who has given notice to introduce the Bill* ".' "

The amendment was duly seconded.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is there any grammatical mistake and is there any material change made by the amendment? Let the hon. Member explain."

4–30 p.m. * SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" When we considered Rule 93, I wanted a provision that the Bill given notice of by an absentee Member should also be permitted to be introduced by another Member, if so authorized in writing. It was pointed out that rule 2 stood in the way as it had already been accepted. As it is the amendment suggested by me to Rule 93 cannot stand unless this rule is amended."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think the definition should stand as it is. Only if the Member who introduces the Bill is present we can call him the Member-in-charge of the Bill. It is a little bit anomalous to call him Member-in-charge of the Bill even before he introduces it."

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* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Of course, when a Member gives notice of a Bill he will see to it and also take care that he is present in the House. Suppose for reasons beyond his control—suppose he is ill—he is absent. If he authorises anybody that person should be able to introduce the Bill. That is what I suggest."

The amendment was put and lost.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*That the Madras Assembly Rules, as amended, be approved.*'

I am really grateful to hon. Members who took a very active and also a very intelligent interest in the proceedings of the House so far as the Rules are concerned. Of course, the attendance in the House was rather poor but it is all the more creditable to the Members who have been present here to take part in the discussion. I am particularly grateful to Mr. Krishnaswami Ayyangar who took great care to scrutinise every rule. It really requires great skill. He pointed out very many technical and grammatical mistakes in the drafting of the rules. As far as I could, I accepted the various amendments suggested by him. If I had not accepted some, it does not mean I did not appreciate them but I had to do so because I felt that the present drafting was all right. I might be wrong in not accepting them but that does not mean that the present drafting is defective. He seems to be a greater expert than all, at any rate than myself."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member should be a grammarian." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, grammarian. He seems to be an expert on grammar. I think it would be worth while to give him a place on the Drafting Committee whenever we introduce new pieces of legislation. But there is this difficulty. He being a Member of the Legislative Assembly cannot be a member of the Secretariat staff. He should lose his membership here. And I do not know whether he will be interested in becoming an honorary member of the Drafting Committee. We are very much indebted to him for the great interest he has shown and for the attempts he has made to improve the rules.

" Then, Sir, very many Members sitting opposite took a very keen interest and we have passed all the rules. I hope this will facilitate the transaction of business in this House in a much more efficient and effective way in the future. After all, rules are made only for this purpose and not for restricting the rights of the Members. We want a proper regulation of business so that the rights of the Members may be properly and effectively safeguarded. I am sure in the working of the rules, the same spirit will be observed by the House and I have absolutely no doubt that the rules will

make the proceedings of the House more useful. I would like once again to express my thanks to the Members who have participated in the discussion of the rules.''

* SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' Sir, by mutual co-operation and adjustment, we have been able to frame these rules. But whenever something is written—like our Constitution itself—there is a certain amount of rigidity about it. Of course, everything depends on the way in which the rules are enforced. Like any other law, the rules should be liberally interpreted. They can be interpreted in a restrictive way also. But that should not happen. Then, there are things which are not covered by the rules which will surely happen. Their interpretation depends on convention. Of course, these rules give general guidance. But I would suggest that proper working of the rules would depend more on the interpretation given to them and the conventions that we are able to establish. On many amendments, understanding and creation of healthy conventions have been agreed to and I hope the whole thing will progress according to the understanding we have arrived at and in the light of a liberal interpretation of the rules.''

4-37 p.m. SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—'' கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த சட்டசபையில் **rule** களெல்லாம் நல்லமுறையில் விவாதிக்கப்பட்டு சுமுகமாக உங்கள் தலைமையில் நல்லமுடிவுக்கு வந்ததுபற்றி என் மகிழ்ச்சியைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். சாதாரணமாக ஆளும் கட்சியினருக்கு மெஜாரிடிபலம் இருப்பதால் எதிர்க்கட்சி அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு உரிமை அதிகமாக இருக்கவேண்டிய அவசியம் இருக்கிறது. ஒரு சட்டத்தை நிறைவேற்றவேண்டுமானால் ஆளும் கட்சியினருக்குள்ள மெஜாரிடி பலத்தைகொண்டு அவற்றை நிறைவேற்றிவிடலாம். எதிர்கட்சியினர் சிறுபான்மையராக இருப்பினும் அவர்களுக்கு நல்ல சந்தர்ப்பம் அளிக்கக்கூடிய முறையில் உரிமை கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. எதையும் எடுத்துச் சொல்ல சந்தர்ப்பம் அளித்து சுமுகமாக முடித்துக்கொடுத்த சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவருக்கும், எதிர்கட்சித் தலைவருக்கும், மற்ற மந்திரிகளுக்கும், உங்கள் தலைமையின்கீழ் யாவும் சுமுகமாக நடந்ததைக் குறித்தும் என் மகிழ்ச்சியைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—'' கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இரண்டு தினங்களுக்குள்ளாகவே எதிர் பார்த்ததைவிட துரிதமாக சட்டசபையின் விதிகளெல்லாம் நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டது என்பதைப் பார்க்கும்போது பெரு மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன். முன்னதாகவே சொன்னபடி முன்னேற்றகரமான மாறுதல்களை இச்சபை அங்கீகரித்துள்ளது. சில விஷயங்களை ஆட்சேபித்தாலும், அவை கொள்கை அடிப்படையில் ஆட்சேபிக்கப்பட்டன. அவை ஏற்கப்படவில்லை. இதைப்பற்றி வருத்தப்படவும் இல்லை. பல அங்கத்தினர்களின் உரிமை பாதுகாக்கப்படும் என்ற நம்பிக்கை எங்களுக்கு இருக்கிறது. அதோடுகூட சில விஷயங்களில் சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவரவர்களும் தாராளமாக உறுதிமொழி கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். அதை நாங்கள் வரவேற்கிறோம். அடுத்த பட்ஜட் பிரசங்கத்தை முடிந்தால் மூன்று மொழிகளிலேயும், இல்லாவிட்டால் தமிழிலேயாவது அச்சடித்துக்கொடுப்பார்கள் என்று ஆவலுடன் எதிர் பார்க்கிறேன். இது முதல் படியாக இருக்கட்டும். அதன் பிறகு கொஞ்சம் கொஞ்சமாக முன்னேறமுடியும் என்று நினைக்கிறேன். அரசியல் சட்டத்தில் கொடுத்திருக்கக்கூடிய காலவரையானது இன்னும் சில வருஷங்களில் முடிகிறது. ஆகையினால் அரசியல் நிர்வாக விஷயங்களில் தாய்மொழிகளைக் கையாண்டால்தான் நாம் பழக்கத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வரமுடியும்.

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பாஷையில் குறைபாடு இருப்பதாக நினைக்கவேண்டாம். கருத்துக்களை தமிழில் முறையாக எடுத்துச் சொல்ல முடியாதென்று நினைக்கவேண்டாம். அப்படிப்பட்ட கஷ்டம் ஒன்றும் நிச்சயமாக இருக்காது என்று நினைக்கிறேன். அடுத்த பட்ஜெட் கூட்டத்தில் கனம் நிதி மந்திரி அவர்கள் அவருடைய பிரசங்கத்தை தமிழிலேயே செய்வார் என்று ஆவலுடன் எதிர் பார்க்கிறோம். எனக்குப் பின்னால் இருக்கக்கூடிய அங்கத்தினர் 'மலையாளம் இல்லையா' என்று கேட்கிறார்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" முதலில் ஒன்றைச் செய்வோம்."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" மூன்று பாஷைகளிலும் கொடுக்கும்படியாக ஏற்பாடு செய்யவேண்டும். முடியாவிட்டால் தமிழிலே கொடுக்கும்படியாக கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

" பிரசுரங்களும் நிர்வாக அறிக்கைகளும் அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு விநியோகிப்பது சம்பந்தமாக அதை விதிகளில் போட்டு நெருக்கடி உண்டாக்கிக் கொள்ளக்கூடாதென்று நான் திருத்தம் கொடுக்கவில்லை. அதை சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவர் கவனித்து எல்லாப் பிரசுரங்களும் அங்கத்தினர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்குமாறு ஏற்பாடு செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன். அதோடு டிபார்ட்மெண்ட் அறிக்கைகள் அந்தந்த வருஷம் முடிந்தவுடனே வெளியிடுவது மிகவும் அவசியமாகும். 1951-52ம் வருஷ அறிக்கைதான் வந்திருக்கிறது. வைத்திய சுகாதார அறிக்கை 1951-52-வருஷத்தியது இந்த வருஷம் வந்தது என்று நம்புகிறேன். மூன்று வருஷத்துக்குப் பிறகு அடுத்த அறிக்கை பிரசுரமாகும் என்று நினைக்கிறேன். அதாவது இந்த வருஷத்து ரிபோர்ட்டை அடுத்த எலெக்ஷனில் வரும் மெம்பர்கள்தான் பயன்படுத்த முடியும். கூடியவரை இந்த மாதிரியெல்லாம் பிரசுரிப்பதையும் அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு அனுப்புவதையும் தாமதிக்காமல் இந்த வருஷம் முடிந்த மூன்று மாதங்களுக்குள்ளாவது கொடுக்கும்படி முயற்சி செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன். சில டிபார்ட்மெண்ட்கள் அறிக்கைகளை வெளியிடுகிறார்களா என்று கூடத் தெரியவில்லை. கல்வி இலாகாவின் ரிபோர்ட் இரண்டு வருஷங்களாக வரவில்லை என்று நினைக்கிறேன். ஒவ்வொரு டிபார்ட்மெண்ட் அறிக்கையும் வெளியிட்டு கொடுக்க முடியுமானால் அடுத்த பிப்ரவரி மாதத்தில் கொடுத்தால் அடுத்த பட்ஜட் கூட்டத்திலே புள்ளி விவரங்களுடன் பேச முடியும். இல்லையேல் சபையில் செய்யக்கூடிய விமர்சனம் புள்ளி விவரங்களின் அடிப்படையாக இருக்கமுடியாது.

"பல புதிய திட்டங்கள் கம்யூனிடி பிராஜக்ட், நேஷனல் எக்ஸ்டன்ஷன் ஸ்கீம், ஐந்து ஆண்டுத்திட்டம் முதலிய பெரிய விஷயங்களைப்பற்றி மத்திய சர்க்கார் அறிக்கை வெளியிடுகிறது. நமது ராஜ்ய சர்க்காரும் மாகாணங்களில் என்னென்ன செய்யப்பட்டது என்று தனியாக, முறையாகத் தொகுத்து அங்கத்தினர் ஒவ்வொருவருக்கும் கொடுக்கும்படி செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன். இந்த விதிகளெல்லாம் சரியானபடி நிறைவேறினதுபற்றி என் மகிழ்ச்சியைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்."

(The Deputy Speaker in the Chair.) 4–40 p.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have nothing more to add, Sir. I do appreciate the point of view that the administration reports should be published more expeditiously. But with reference to certain departments, the administration report cannot be formulated or written merely from the Secretariat. Figures have to be collected and reports have to be obtained from various districts and various institutions and that takes time. Those things have got to be read carefully and scrutinised and if there are any differences with regard to any points mentioned in

the report, it has got to be referred to the Head of the Department and after obtaining his explanation we have to finalise the administration report. That is the main difficulty. As a matter of fact it is not a difficulty with regard to hon. Members alone. It is the same with reference to Ministers also. We also would like to have the administration report published as early as possible so that we may refer to them whenever necessary. But unfortunately we find that in spite of the best efforts made we are now a little behind time. I do realise the necessity for bringing out the administration reports early and I have been impressing upon the various departments the necessity for publishing the administration report as early as possible when the year ends. I think that would be kept in mind and the various departments would take care to publish the reports when the year ends.

"With regard to the Committee on petitions, even though I have not agreed to the constitution of a committee for that specific purpose, I may assure hon. Members that as soon as a petition is submitted to the Legislature, it will be properly examined by the department concerned and after the Hon. Minister concerned passes orders on it, I shall try to place on the table of the House the orders passed by the Minister concerned and the action taken on that petition. I suppose that will satisfy the members instead of having a committee which would merely examine it (cheers) and not enabling members to know what action had been taken on it. What I have said will work better than the constitution of a committee merely for the purpose of scrutiny of the petition. After all when a petition is submitted it would have been properly drafted. It is not the scrutiny of the petition that matters but the action taken on it at the Governmental level. I shall try to place on the table of the House a statement of the action taken on the petition at the Governmental level. (Cheers.)

"With reference to the language difficulty, it is just the same as that which the hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition experienced just now. When he wanted that Tamil translations of the Governor's Address should be circulated to members, immediately the hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar rose up and demanded that Malayalam translations also should be circulated. That is the main difficulty. This difficulty should be borne in mind. I shall certainly take into consideration the various suggestions with regard to the use of our own mother-tongue and our regional languages for the purpose of transacting the business in this House. As far as Tamil is concerned, after hearing the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Opposition speaking in Tamil, I have absolutely no doubt that it will not be impossible to express oneself more easily and powerfully in his mother-tongue. If I could get all hon. Members, including those Malayalam and Kanarese friends to agree, I could also speak equally well in Tamil and with greater ease. But unfortunately I am putting myself under a restraint because of the presence of members not knowing Tamil and

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belonging to other language groups. That is the main difficulty. Therefore let hon. Members have some patience. Let us make some progress step by step. If our State consists of purely Tamil-knowing members, when Tamilnad is formed, we would have to transact business in Tamil all afresh. But we would have progressed to a certain extent by that time (some Members have already begun to speak in Tamil) not only in regard to the use of our own mother-tongue for the purpose of making speeches but also for the purpose of legislation. Tamil would be necessary not merely for making speeches alone but for the purposes of making legislation also. This fact should be borne in mind. But all these will have to be done by stages. I may assure the hon. Member Sri K. Vinayakam who is interested in Tamil and Tamil areas that it is our intention to take steps in that direction when ultimately the linguistic States would come into existence and we would have a House of Tamil Members only. I am also an ardent admirer of Tamil. But I am putting myself under a restraint because this Assembly is composed of also persons not knowing Tamil and who come from non-Tamil areas. It is not as if Government are not interested. In fact Government are vitally interested because they also want that we should transact business in the language best known to the vast majority of the people of the State. I hope hon. Members will realise the practical difficulties involved when we have a House composed of also members not knowing Tamil and who come from non-Tamil areas.

(At this stage Mr. Speaker occupied the Chair.)

"As far as the liberal interpretation which was prayed for by the hon. Member Sri Narayana Kurup, is concerned I have absolutely no doubt, so long as you are in the Chair, the rights and privileges of members, to whichever party they may belong, will be protected. I do not think there will be any discrimination against us simply because we belong to the Government Bench."

Mr. SPEAKER :—"I do not belong to the Government Benches. I am elected by the House as the Speaker." (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Equally well I am sure that no special favour would be shown to Mr. Kalyanasundram simply because he belongs to the Opposition. I hope you, Mr. Speaker, will hold the scales even, between the Government and the Opposition."

Mr. SPEAKER :—"I was born in Thula lagnam (துலாம்)." (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I may say this much, Sir, even though you may hold the scales even between the Government and the Opposition, whenever you feel any doubt, your discretion may be exercised in favour of the Opposition." (Laughter.)

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Before I put the motion to the vote, I wish to say a few words. As early as 1948, I wanted to change the rules. I am talking of the rules now in existence. They were framed during the time of the Montague-Chelmsford reforms.

4-50 p.m. " During the Prakasam Ministry a Committee was formed to go into the rules. Hon. Members know the fate of that Ministry. Similarly, attempts made for changing the rules during the time of the Omandur Ministry and Kumaraswamy Raja Ministry failed. Thrice during those five years the Ministry was changed. So I was not able to do anything. Again I made an attempt in 1952 but there was the formation of the Andhra State and the Committee could not function. A new Committee was formed in 1953 and I am glad that we have been able to change the rules now.

" Hon. Members will find that under the rules we have taken powers to constitute a number of important Committees, the most important of them being the Estimates Committee and the Committee on Delegated Legislation. There is also provision for the formation of a Committee on Government Assurances. I know many of the hon. Members are under the impression that the Public Accounts Committee is more or less like a *post-mortem* Committee. It is a very important Committee and I will also circulate a note about the functions of this Committee to hon. Members. As we have got only about ten minutes, I will now briefly mention about the functions of these Committees.

" I shall first take up the Public Accounts Committee. The main duty of this Committee is summed up in the brief yet important phrase that it is to ascertain that the money granted by the Parliament has been spent by the Government ' within the scope of the demand '. The implication of this phrase is that the money recorded as spent against the grant must not be larger than the amount granted. Another implication is that the expenditure brought to account against a particular grant must be of such a character as to warrant its record against that grant and against no other. A third implication is that the grant should be spent on purposes which are set out in the detailed demand and they cannot be spent on ' any new service not contemplated in the demand '. A new service may be a new form of service or a new instrument of service. In either case, it should be of importance and entail considerable expenditure before dealing with it as a new service not contemplated in the demand. Another function of the Committee, to use an oft quoted remark, extends ' beyond the formality of the expenditure, to its wisdom, faithfulness and economy '. Though the Auditor-General does not undertake to turn up every case that might be hidden in the account, he still conceives it to be within his duty to report such cases as come to his notice.

" There are also other important functions. I will have them typed and roneoed and circulate the note to hon. Members so that they could know them.

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" This Committee has powers to send for persons, papers and records, to record evidence and to report its opinions and observations on matters coming under its consideration. The members of the Committee may ask any question in connection with the expenditure recorded in the accounts under consideration that has a financial bearing whether or not these matters have been mentioned by the Comptroller and Auditor-General. It has, however, no power even after the most minute examination and on the clearest evidence to disallow any item of expenditure; it can only ' call attention ' to that item.

" It is not concerned with questions of policy in the broader sense. With the policy of the method of expenditure it is only concerned in a limited degree. It might, for instance, discuss the propriety of expenditure in one way rather than in another or the propriety of the compromise effected by a Department. In all matters which are more definitely defined by the settled policy of the Government, the Public Accounts Committee does not attempt any enquiry. As a rule, it expresses no opinion on points of general policy, but in carrying out that policy whether or not there is extravagance or waste is within its field. Hon Members, as I have already said, are of the opinion that it is only a *post-mortem* Committee and many hon. Members do not want to serve on that Committee. I hope that hereafter they will take keen interest."

* SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have been patiently listening to what you have been saying about the functions of this Committee, but I find that there are more ' don'ts ' than ' do's ' in it. So far you have been cataloguing about what the Committee should not do."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It will take a lot of time if I read the whole thing. Paragraph 9 (1) of the note from which I am reading deals with the powers of the Committee and 9 (2) deals with what the Committee should not concern itself with."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" As there are more ' don'ts ', we do not want to serve on this Committee."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Then, there is the Committee on Delegated Legislation. Hitherto what happened was the House will give powers to the Government to frame the rules under any legislation but they will never see the light of day. But hereafter the Committee on Delegated Legislation would scrutinize the rules framed under any legislation and bring them before the House, if necessary, for discussion. Such a Committee is functioning in England.

" The next important Committee is the Estimates Committee. What the Estimates Committee does in United Kingdom is briefly this. The Budget estimates of expenditure for the latest year are examined by this Committee. It examines the estimates of each

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Ministry in detail. It goes through the whole range of Governmental administration not only with reference to the present Budget but also with reference to the Budgets for the previous years and it makes a comparative study of the Budgets. In other words, it takes up select Budgets and goes through the estimates of expenditure of each Ministry in great detail. The functions of this Committee are to report what economies consistent with the policy underlying the estimates may be effected, to examine whether the money is well laid out within the limits of the policy implied in the estimates and to suggest the form in which the estimates shall be presented to the House. This is one of the coveted Committees and I hope hon. Members will come forward to serve on this Committee.

" The other Committee is a Committee on Government Assurances. Sometimes Hon. Ministers give assurances on the floor of the House that they will look into certain matters and this Committee will examine whether the assurances given have been fulfilled.

" We have brought the rules up-to-date more or less on the model of the Rules of the House of Commons and the Lok Sabha. I hope that hereafter hon. Members will take keen interest in the proceedings of the House. I am thankful not only to the members of the Committee who sat with me but also to those who have taken great interest and contributed greatly to the framing of these rules. Once again I thank all the hon. Members. The question is—

'That the Madras Assembly Rules as amended be approved.' "

The motion was put and carried and the Rules were approved.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The House will now adjourn and meet again at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 13th December 1954."

The House then adjourned.

## APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 234 asked by Sri A. Ratnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th December 1954, page 732 supra.]

### *Statement.*

| *Assets.* Serial number and particulars. | RS. | A. | P. | *Liabilities.* Serial number and particulars. | RS. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Bank balance on 30th September 1954— | | | | 1 Loans from Government (outstanding on 30th September 1954). | 35,93,019 | 7 | 0 |
| (a) Revenue Account | 3,10,330 | 12 | 3 | | | | |
| (b) Capital Account. | 5,57,149 | 15 | 3 | Deposits refundable .. | 96,407 | 1 | 6 |
| 2 Investments— | | | | | | | |
| (a) Prudential deposits in the Madras State Co-operative Bank, Limited .. | 5,650 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| (b) Voluntary loan to M.E.S. for supply of electricity for the buildings at Nandanam .. .. | 8,700 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 3 Value of Trust Buildings. | 9,25,016 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 4 Value of lands in the scheme areas including the cost of amenities provided therein .. | 38,20,410 | 9 | 0 | | | | |
| 5 Value of tools and plant, survey and drawing instruments .. .. | 69,638 | 14 | 3 | | | | |
| 6 Value of stores and building materials .. | 1,30,456 | 8 | 0 | | | | |
| 7 Value of furniture, etc. | 38,392 | 14 | 0 | | | | |
| | 58,65,745 | 9 | 6 | | 36,89,426 | 8 | 6 |

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[Vide answer to starred question No. 238 asked by Sri A. Ratnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th December 1954, page 736 supra.]

(*a*) 286.

(*b*) 1,126.

(*c*) 43; 15 per cent.

(*d*) In view of the constitutional changes and judicial decisions, no column has been provided in the application forms issued from 1952–53 onwards, for the specification of the sub-community to which the candidates belong. Candidates are required to state whether they belong to the Backward or Scheduled Classes, or not. Hence information regarding the number of Brahman or non-Brahman candidates admitted during 1954–55 is not available. The number of candidates belonging to the Backward Classes and to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes selected for admission during 1954–55 is as follows:—

| | |
|---|---|
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## APPENDIX III.

**[Vide answer to starred question No. 239 asked by Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th December 1954, page 737 supra.]**

***Statement showing the number of Police Subordinates involved in Prohibition offences.***

| — | *Number involved.* | *Number prosecuted and convicted.* | *Number dealt with departmentally.* | *Number removed from service.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 1 Sub-Inspectors .. .. | 2 | ... | 2 | 1 dismissed. |
| 2 Sergeants .. .. .. | 3 | 1 | 2 | .. |
| 3 Head Constables .. .. | 14 | 5 | 9 | 1 dismissed. |
| 4 Jamadars .. .. .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. |
| 5 Havildars .. .. .. | 2 | .. | 2 | — |
| 6 Naiks .. .. .. .. | 7 | 1 | 6 | 1 dismissed. |
| 7 Constables .. .. .. | 128 | 42 | 86 | 52 dismissed. |

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## Appendix IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 331 asked by Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th December 1954, at page 740 supra.]

*List of stations in the State where residential quarters have been provided for the Subordinate Judicial Officers.*

*North Arcot district.*

1 The District Judge, Vellore.

2 The District Munsif, Arni.

*South Acot district.*

1 District Judge, Cuddalore.

*Coimbatore district.*

1 The District and Additional District Judges, Coimbatore.

2 The Additional First-class Magistrate, Kollegal and the Sub-Magistrate, Perundurai and Ootacamund.

*South Kanara district.*

1 The District Judge, Mangalore.

2 The Sub-Magistrate, Buntwal.

*Madurai district.*

1 The District Judge, Madurai.

*Malabar district.*

1 The District Judge, Kozhikode.
2 The Subordinate Judge, Fort Cochin.
3 The Sub-Magistrate, Vythiri.

*Ramanathapuram district.*

The District Judge, Ramanathapuram at Madurai.

*Salem district.*

1 The District Judge, Salem.

2 The District Munsif, Dharmapuri.

3 The Subdivisional Magistrates, Dharmapuri and Sankari and the Sub-Magistrates, Parmathi and Harur.

*East Tanjore district.*

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*West Tanjore district.*

The District Judge, Tanjore.

*Tiruchirappalli district.*

1 The District Judge, Tiruchirappalli.

2 The Subordinate Judge, Pudukkottai.

*Tirunelveli district.*

1 The District Judge, Tirunelveli.

2 The Subdivisional Magistrate, Koilpatti.

## APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 333 asked by Sri A. Ratnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th December 1954, page 741 supra.]

***Statement showing the details of annual expenditure incurred by the City Improvement Trust.***

| *Year.* | *Establishment.* | *Contingencies.* | *Annuities and taxes.* | *Non-recurring.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| | RS. | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| 1946-47 | | | | |
| 1947-48 .. .. .. | 61,324 | 51,018 | .. | .. |
| 1948-49 .. .. .. | 79,961 | 34,466 | .. | 20,660 |
| 1949-50 .. .. .. | 1,12,190 | 30,445 | 5,268 | 5,05,173 |
| 1950-51 .. .. .. | 98,744 | 25,593 | 13,170 | 3,95,011 |
| 1951-52 .. .. .. | 1,05,318 | 30,136 | 74,283 | 30,83,580 |
| 1952-53 .. .. .. | 1,19,950 | 31,019 | 1,68,487 | 16,85,052 |
| 1953-54 .. .. .. | 1,81,505 | 27,772 | 2,32,700 | 4,45,017 |
| 1954-55 (3 months) .. | 27,914 | 14,585 | 11,989 | 1,50,403 |
| Total up to June 1954. | 7,23,896 | 2,45,064 | 5,05,897 | 62,84,896 |

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